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Dear Reader,

Raven and Beast Boy are two of our all-time favorite characters. They remind us so much of ourselves as teens. They're both trying to figure out who they are and how they fit into a world that feels so different from themselves. They are just starting to embrace what makes them unique—to see their differences as strengths instead of weaknesses. But it's not easy, and they don't always get it right. Finding someone to connect with makes all those things easier, and that's what this book is about—friendship, found family, first love, and finding the courage to define ourselves in a world that constantly tells us who we should be. We have met so many of you in person or online, and we want Raven and Beast Boy to feel as brave and inspiring as all of you.

Thank you for reading.

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CHAPTER 1: TWO OF A KIND

ON A TRAIN IN TENNESSEE
BLACK
IS M
HAP
COLOR

NOTE TO SELF,

FOUR MONTHS AGO, I LOST MY FOSTER MOM AND MY MEMORY ON THE SAME HORRIBLE NIGHT. I MOVED TO NEW ORLEANS TO LIVE WITH MOM'S SISTER, NATALIA, AND HER DAUGHTER, MAX. I DIDN'T THINK MY LIFE COULD GET ANY MORE COMPLICATED, BUT I WAS WRONG.

I'M WRITING THIS DOWN BECAUSE WITH MY LUCK, I MIGHT SLIP IN THE SHOWER AND BUMP MY HEAD AND LOSE MY MEMORY AGAIN. IF I DO, THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T AFFORD TO FORGET. MY FATHER IS A DEMON. HE'S TRAPPED IN THE JEWEL I WEAR AROUND MY NECK AND HE WANTS TO TAKE CONTROL OF ME.

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Raven
BLACK IS MY HAPPY COLOR
Do not resist, Raven.
Share your power with me until I regain my strength.
I'm not...sharing... anything with you.
You will.

GASP
BLACK IS M HA COLO
I hope one day I'll be free of my monster.
DRACULA

When your foster sister says she's going to a strange city alone to meet a sketchy guy who claims he has the answer to her problems, you have two choices.
Let her go alone and hope for the best...
...or follow her and watch her back.
I'm not really a hope-for-the-best kind of girl.

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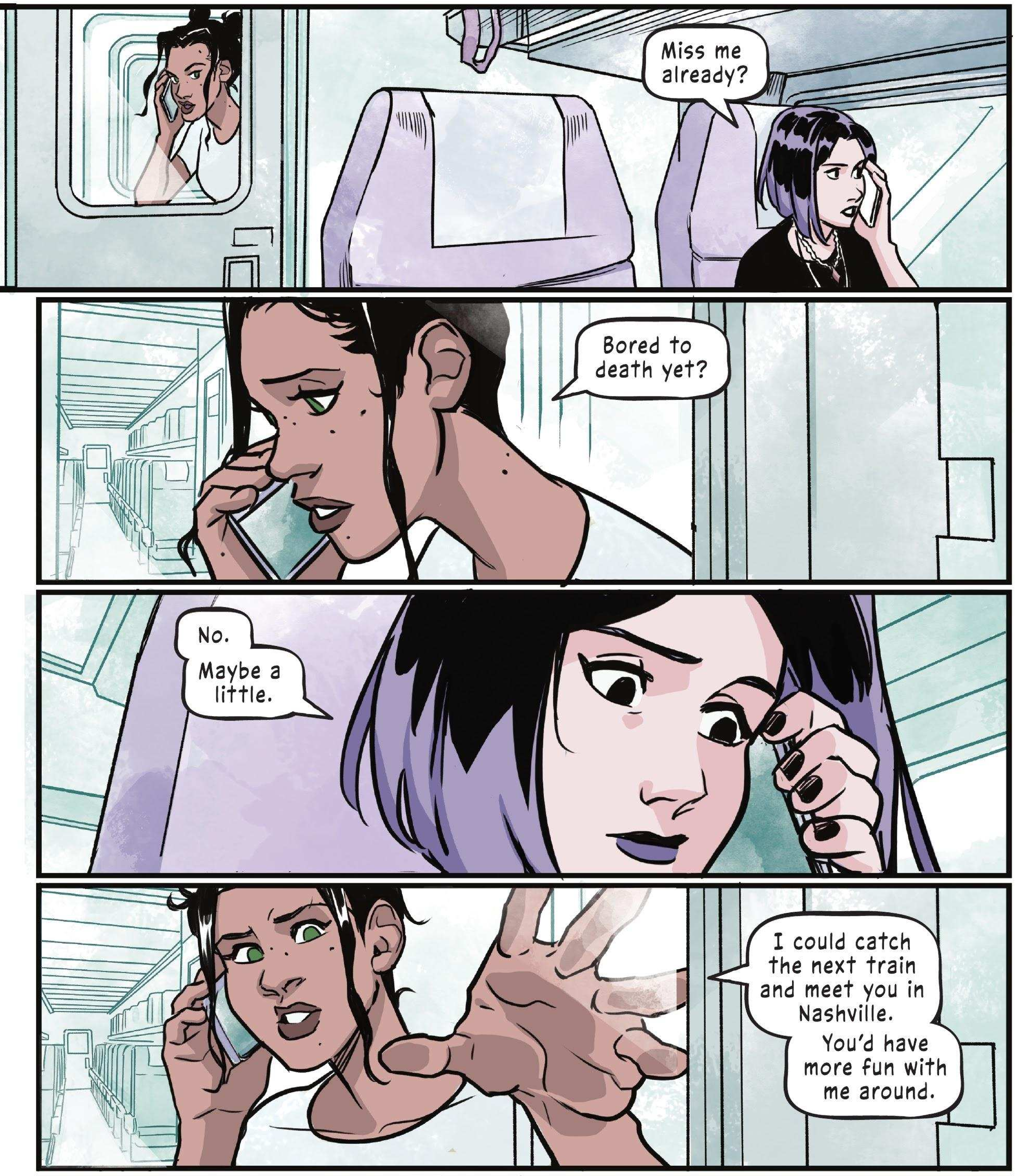
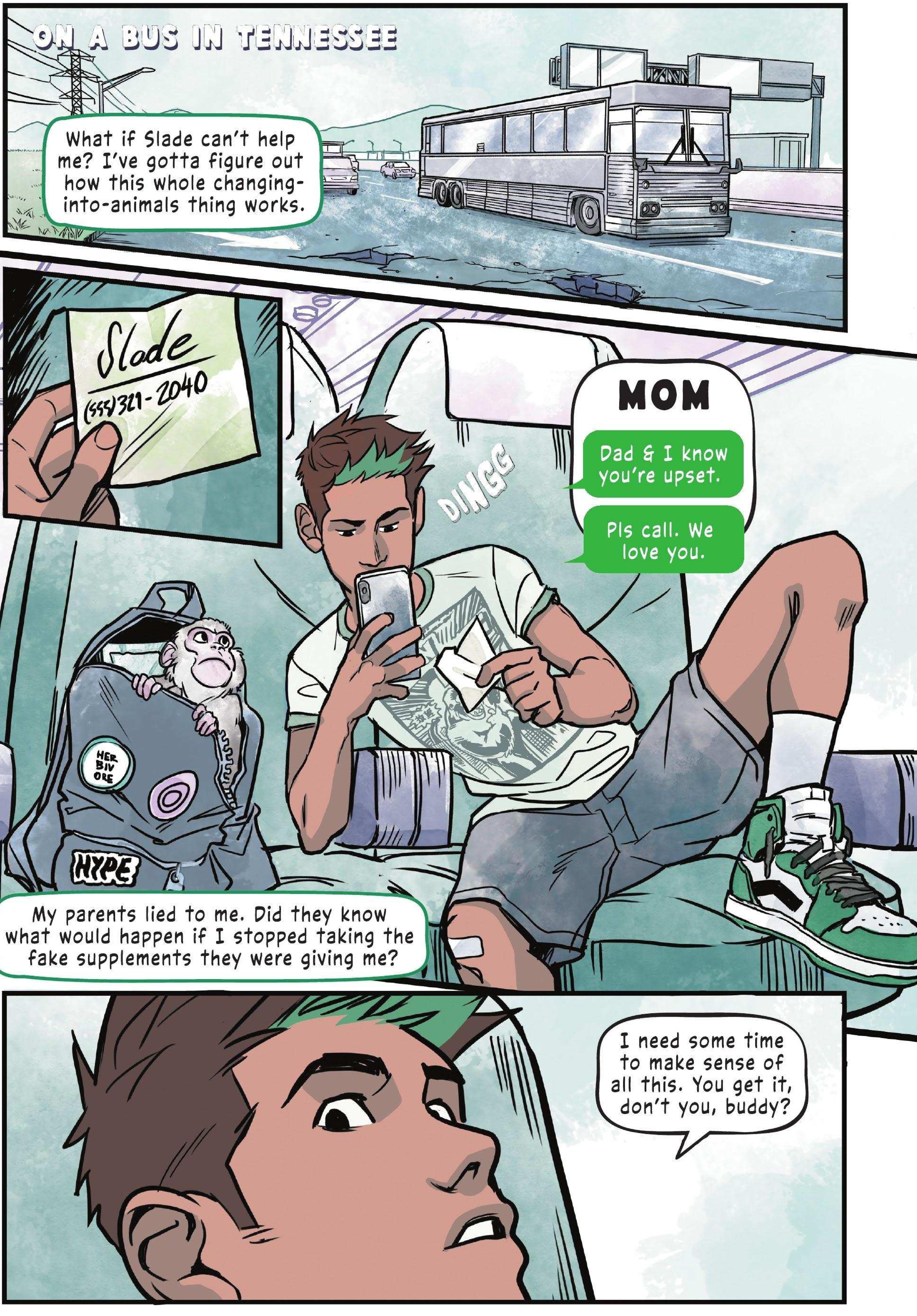
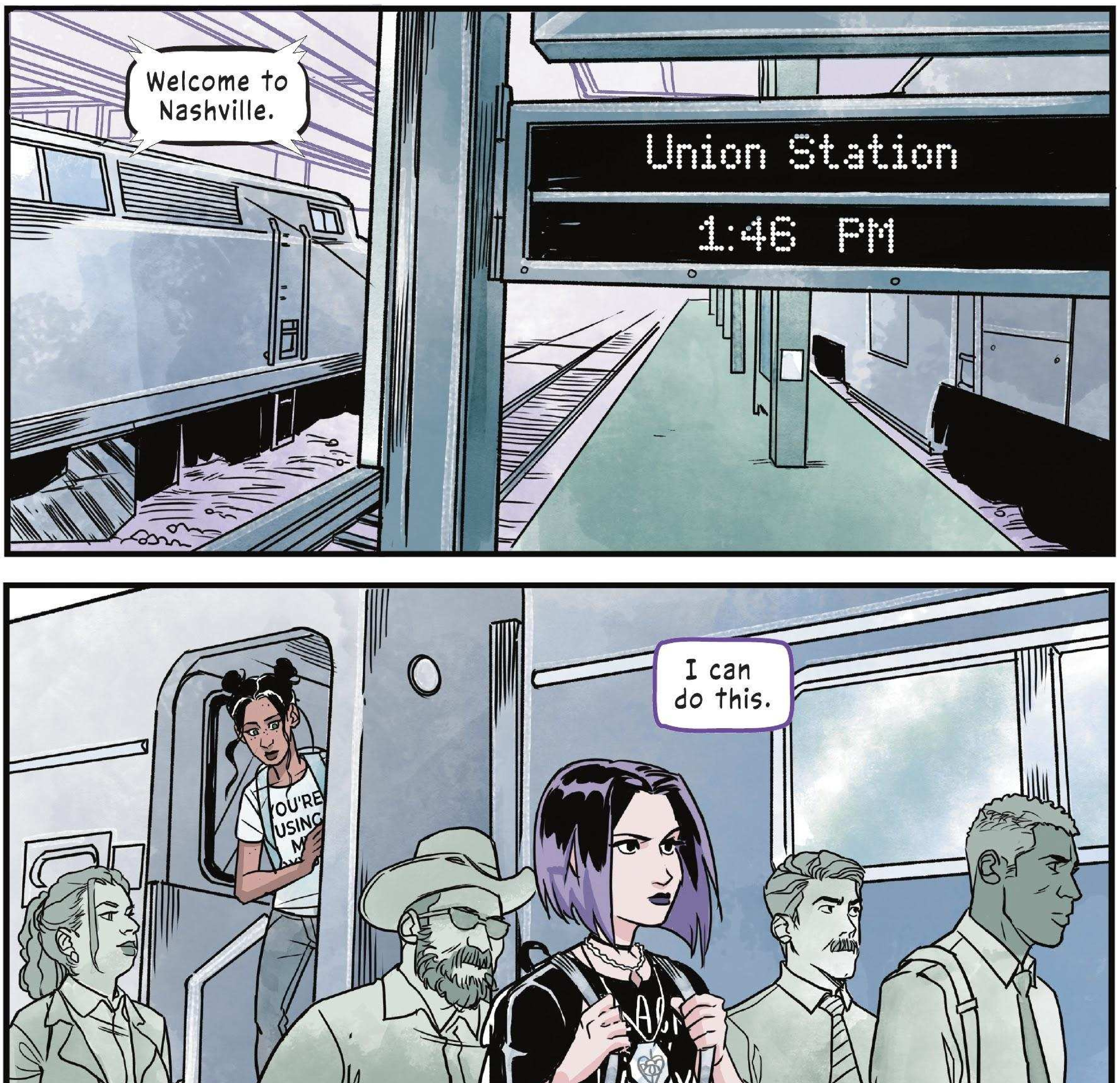

Miss me already?
Bored to death yet?
No.
Maybe a little.
I could catch the next train and meet you in Nashville.
You'd have more fun with me around.
Not if Trigon uses my powers to break free again.
We can have fun after I figure out how to get rid of Trigon.


ON A BUS IN TENNESSEE
What if Slade can't help me? I've gotta figure out how this whole changing-into-animals thing works.
Slade
(555)321-2040
DINGG
MOM
Dad & I know you're upset.
Pls call. We love you.
HERBIVORE
HYPE
My parents lied to me. Did they know what would happen if I stopped taking the fake supplements they were giving me?
I need some time to make sense of all this. You get it, don't you, buddy?

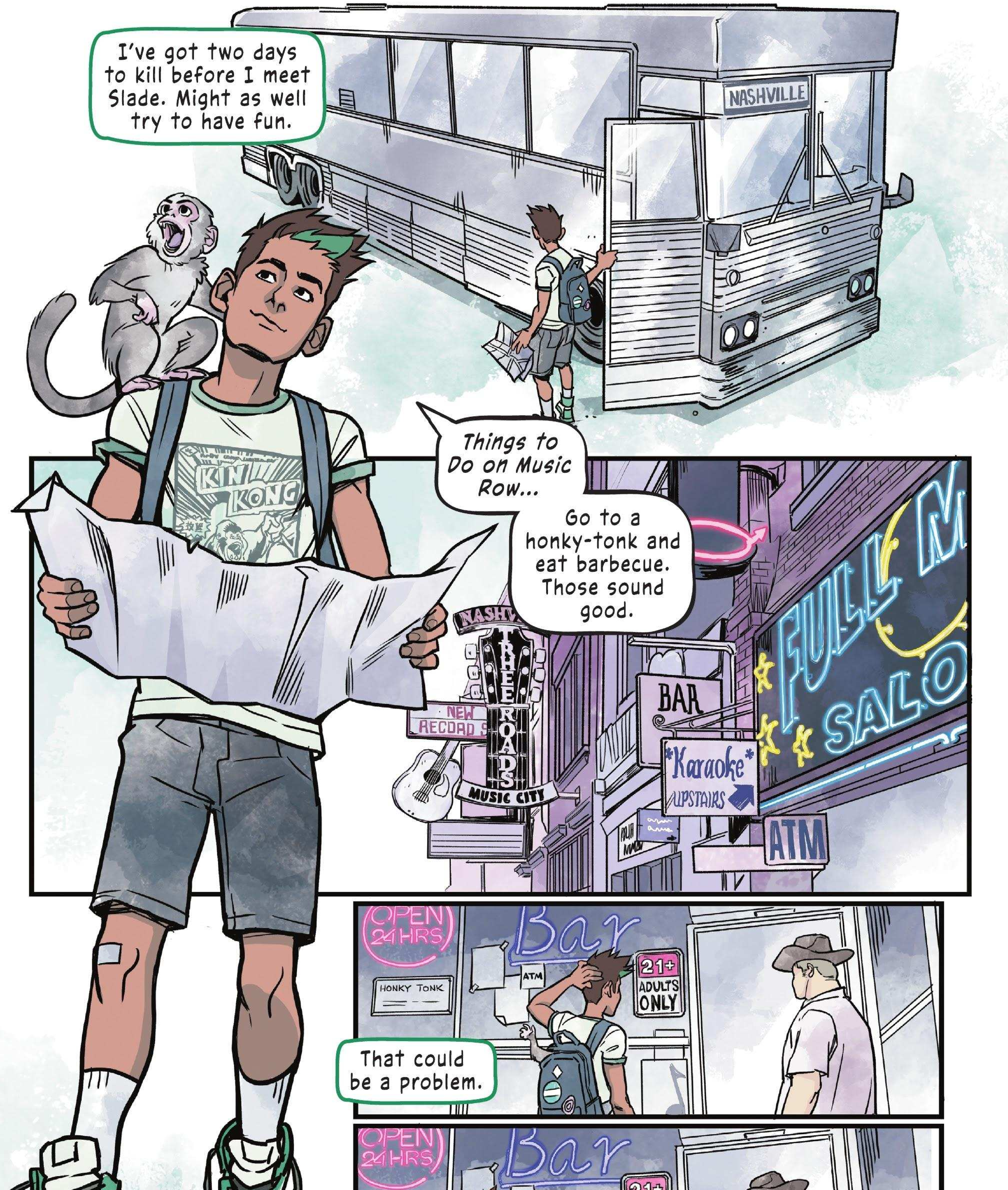
And she doesn't notice me.
ALABAMA
I don't think it fits.
Nobody asked you.
WUNK

ALABAMA
PHEW!
Ask if she's okay.
Figures.


Welcome to Nashville.
Union Station
1:46 PM
I can do this.
I can do this.

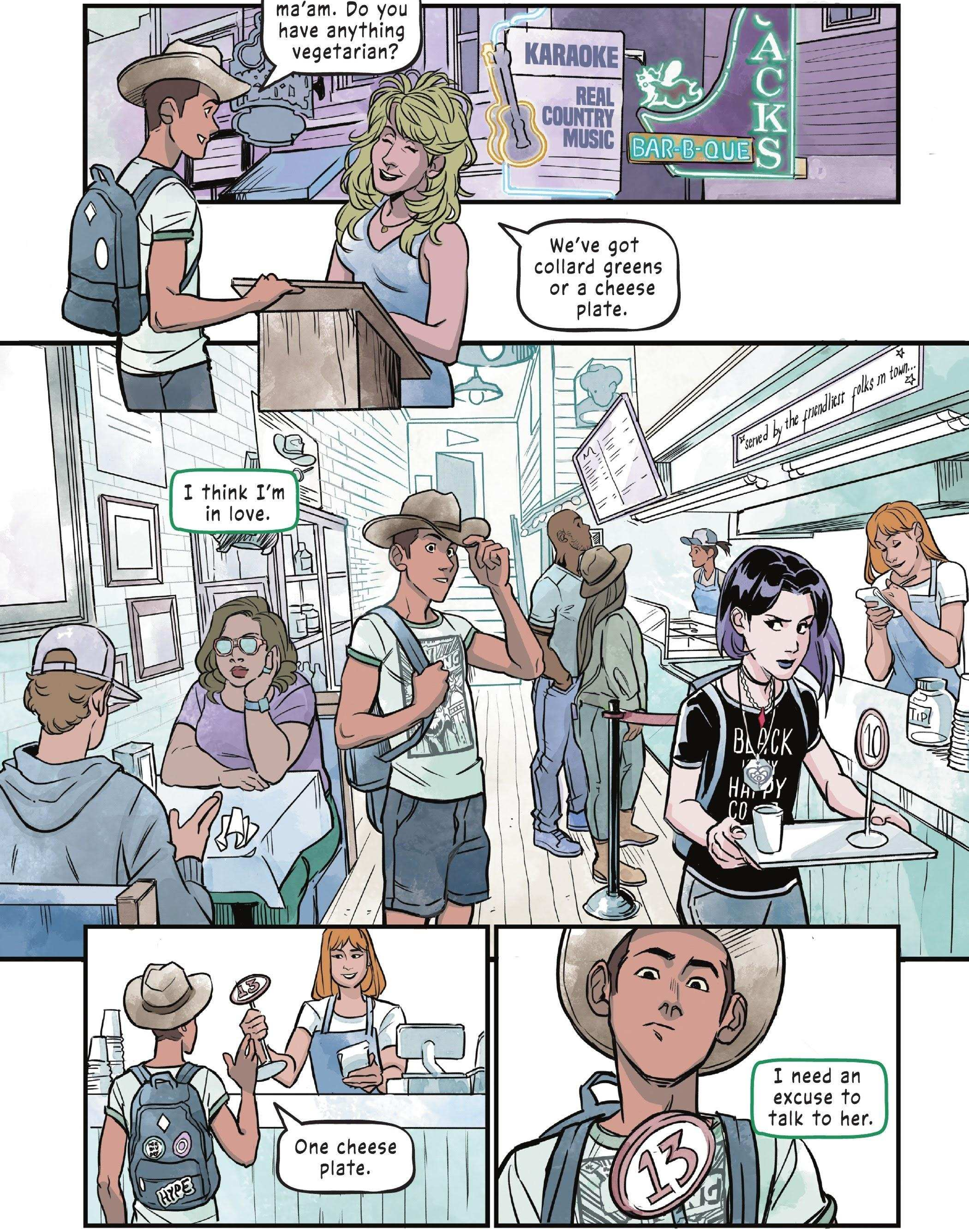
MUSIC ROW
I know how to stop Trigon. Slade
You could've mentioned you were out of town *before* I came up here, Slade.
What am I supposed to do for two days?
Whatever teenagers do...drink overpriced coffee, go sightseeing, and post ridiculous selfies.
I don't even know what you look like. How will I find you?
I'll find you.
More information that conveys zero actual information. Perfect.
Wish I could bail. But Slade is the only person who might know how to get rid of Trigon.
Even though my father is gone, one thing won't change.
I'll still be half demon.

BBQ
DANCE
EAT
ALL NIGHT
NEW MUSIC
RIBS
BAR & GRILL
Everything here is so colorful.
At least there are lots of places to eat. I'm starving.
BAR-B-Q
BEST
IN TOWN
BARBEQUE
WARNING
BBQ
BEQUE
BEQUE
BRISKE
LOVE
FADES
BBQ
IS
OREV
BIG DADDY'S
B-B-Q
BAR-B-QUE DRUGS
Good thing I like barbecue.
JACK'S
BAR-B-QUE
DRINKS


I've got two days to kill before I meet Slade. Might as well try to have fun.
NASHVILLE
KING KONG
Things to Do on Music Row...
Go to a honky-tonk and eat barbecue. Those sound good.
NASHV
THREE ROADS
MUSIC CITY
NEW RECORD S
BAR
Karaoke UPSTAIRS
FULL M
SALO
ATM
OPEN 24 HRS
Bar
HONKY TONK
ATM
21+ ADULTS ONLY
That could be a problem.
OPEN 24 HRS
Bar
HONKY TONK
ATM
21+ ADULTS ONLY

Bet I'd look older in a cowboy hat.
HAT & BOOT
HONKYTONK
I.D.?
This is a funny story...
PUB &

CHAPTER 2: GIRL IN BLACK


Excuse me, ma'am. Do you have anything vegetarian?
KARAOKE
REAL COUNTRY MUSIC
ACKS
BAR-B-QUE
We've got collard greens or a cheese plate.
served by the friendliest folks in town...
I think I'm in love.
BLACK
HAPPY
CO
TIP
10
13
HYPE
One cheese plate.
13
I need an excuse to talk to her.

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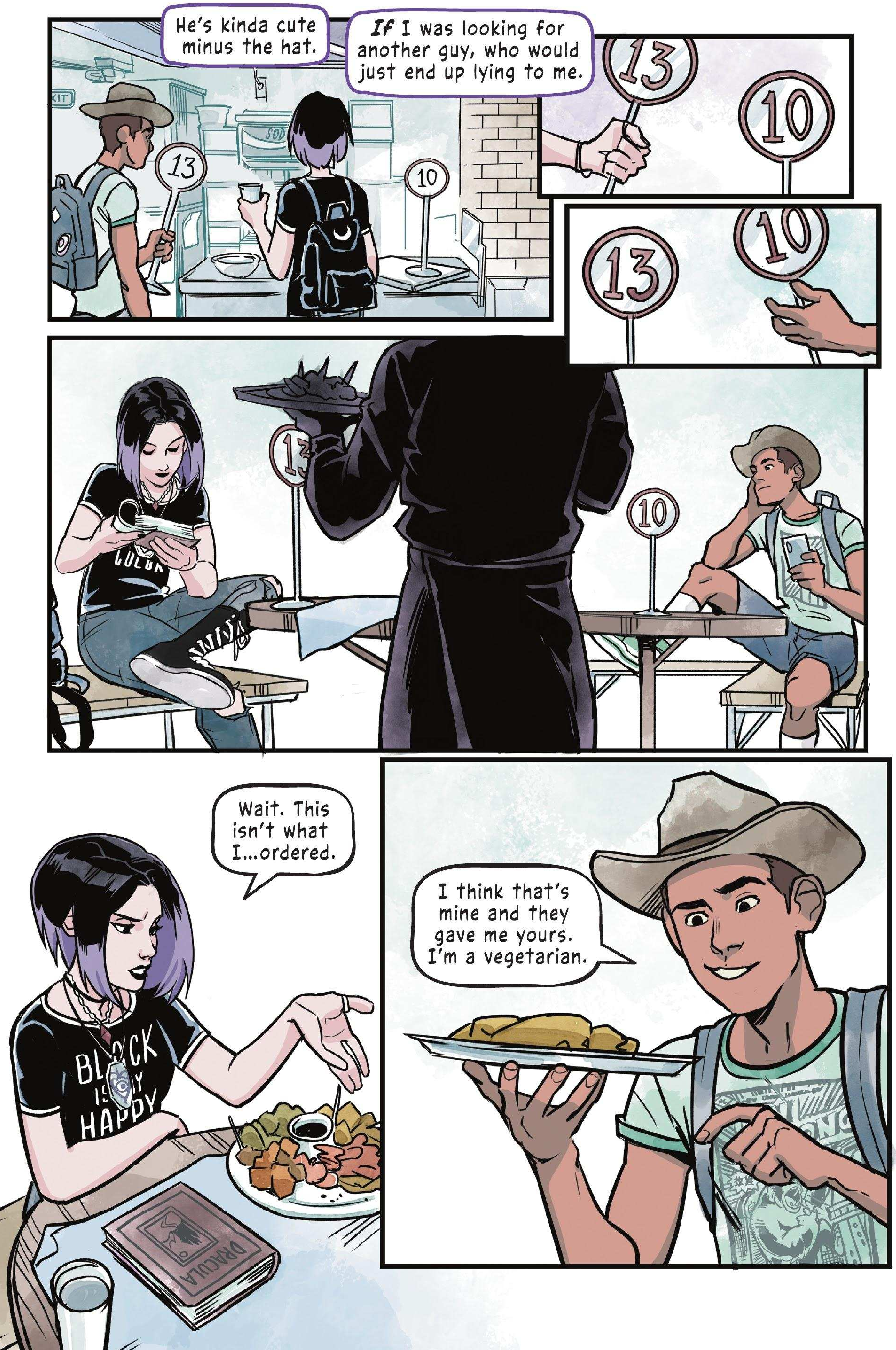
He's kinda cute minus the hat.
If I was looking for another guy, who would just end up lying to me.
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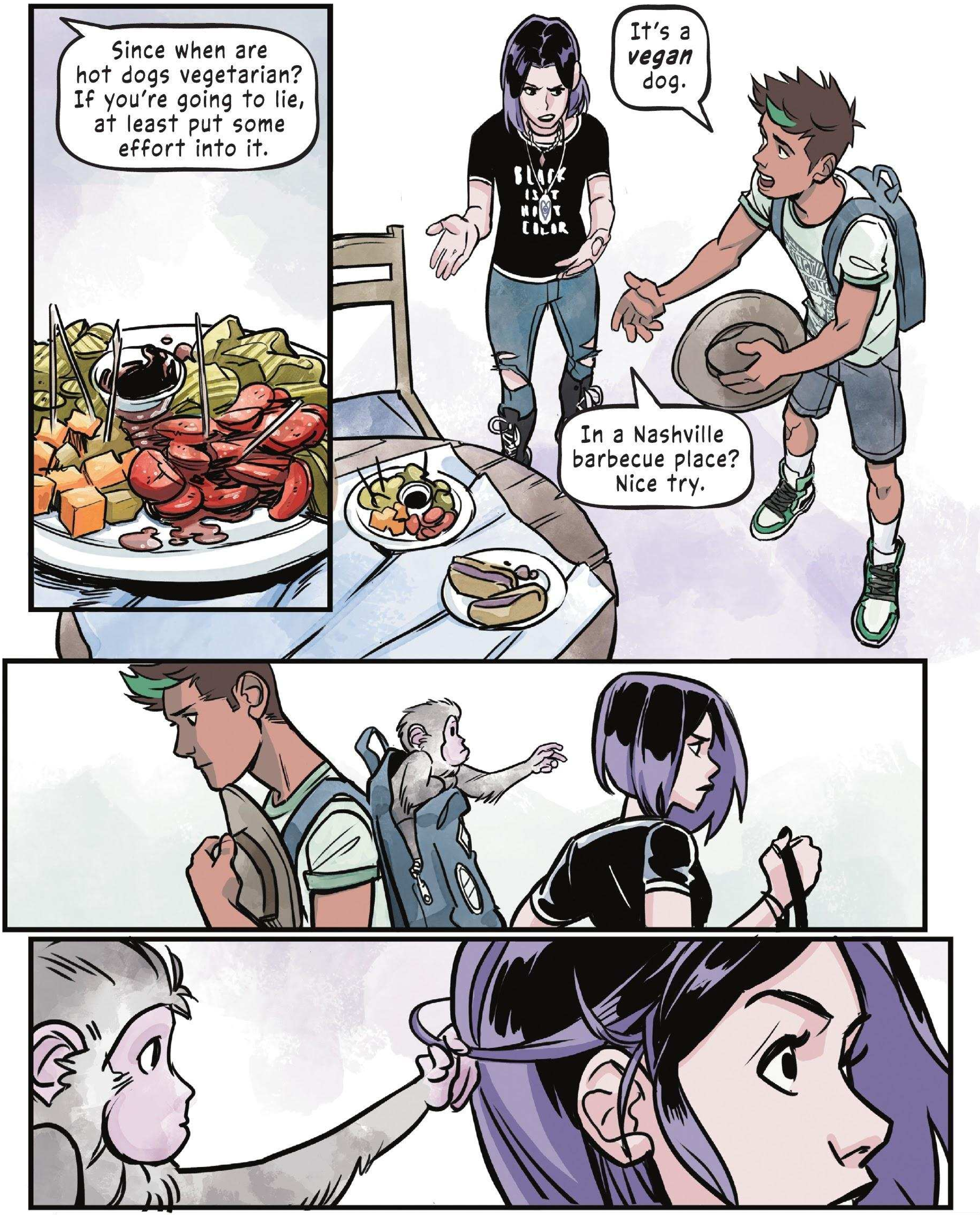
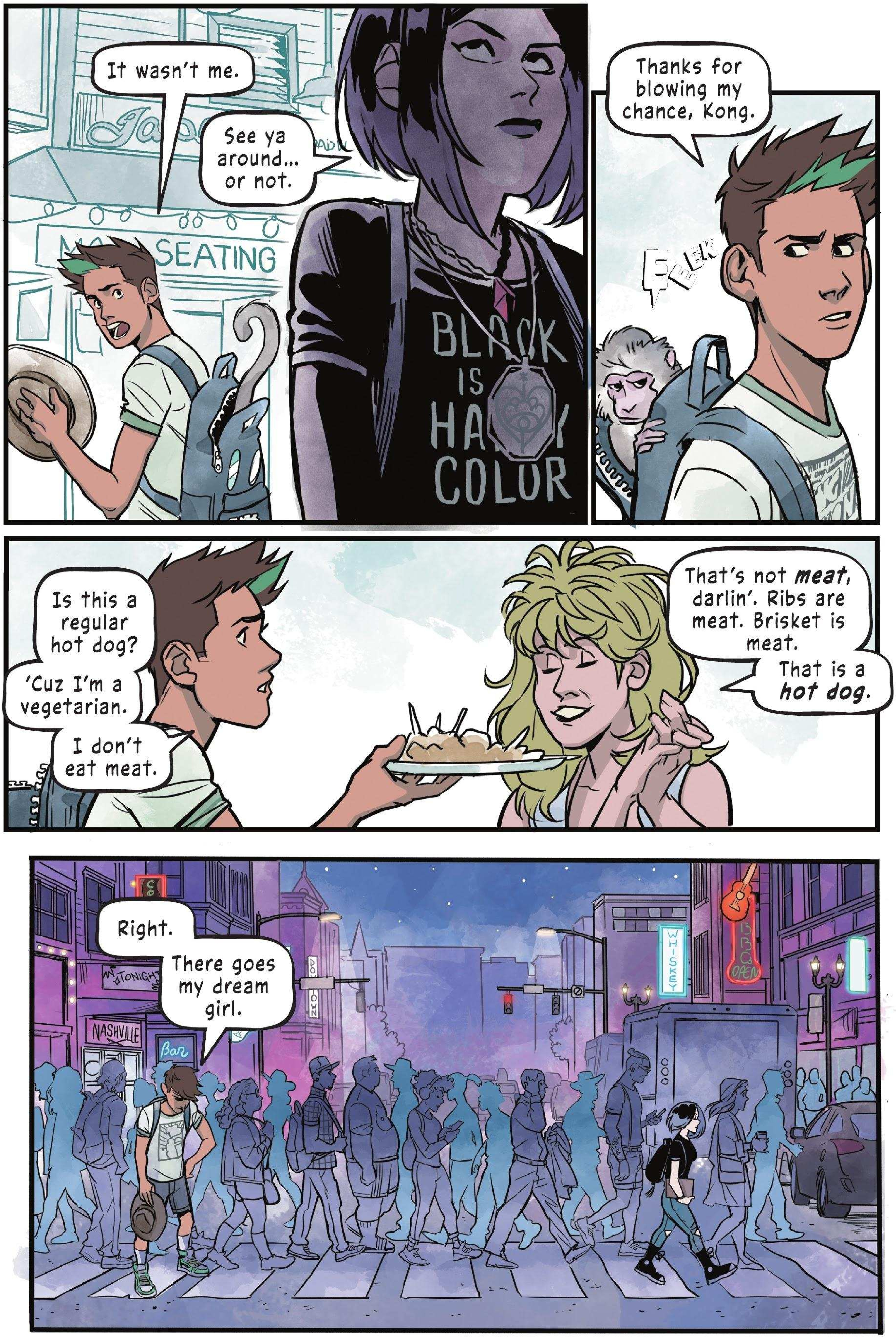
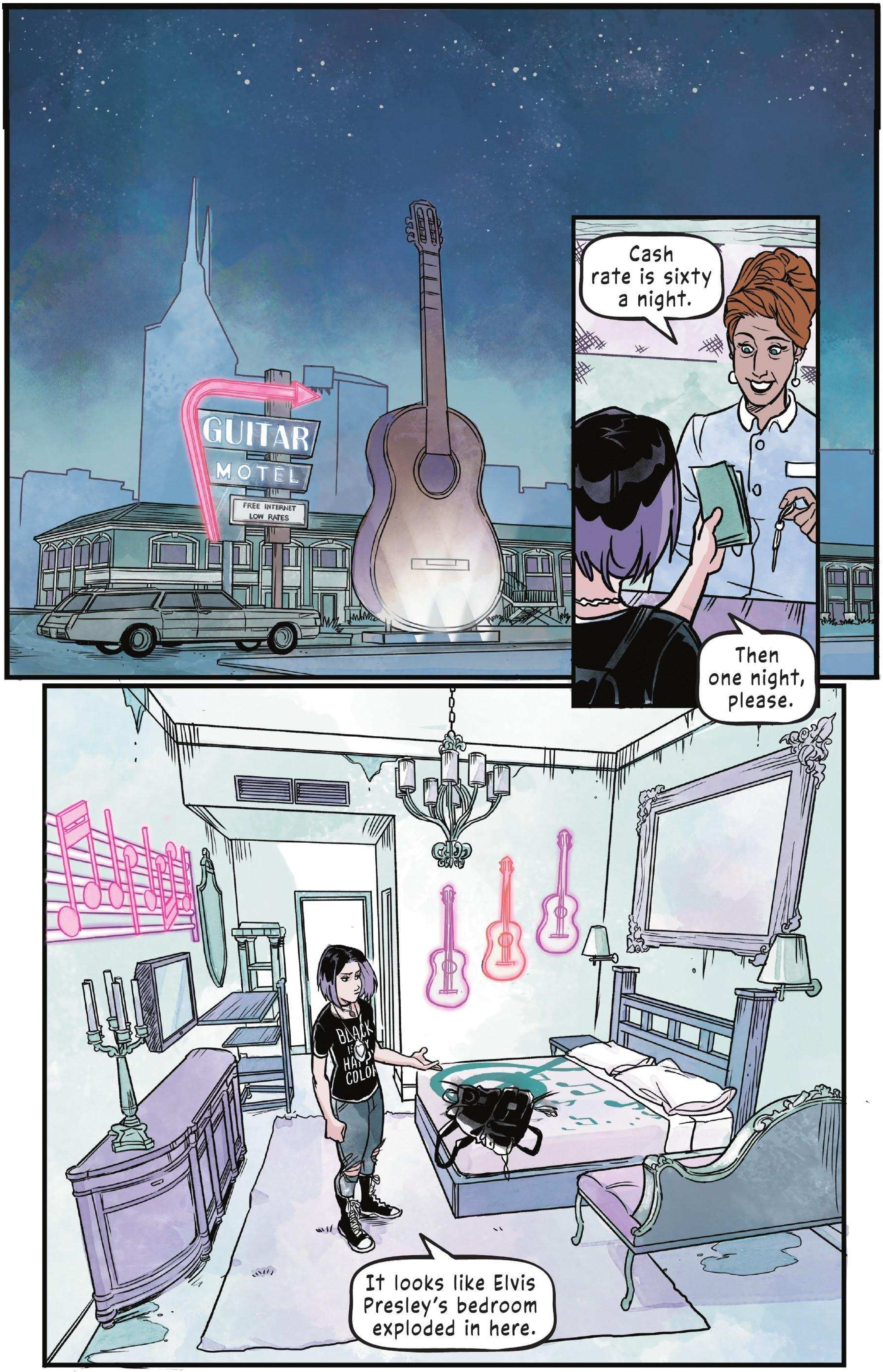
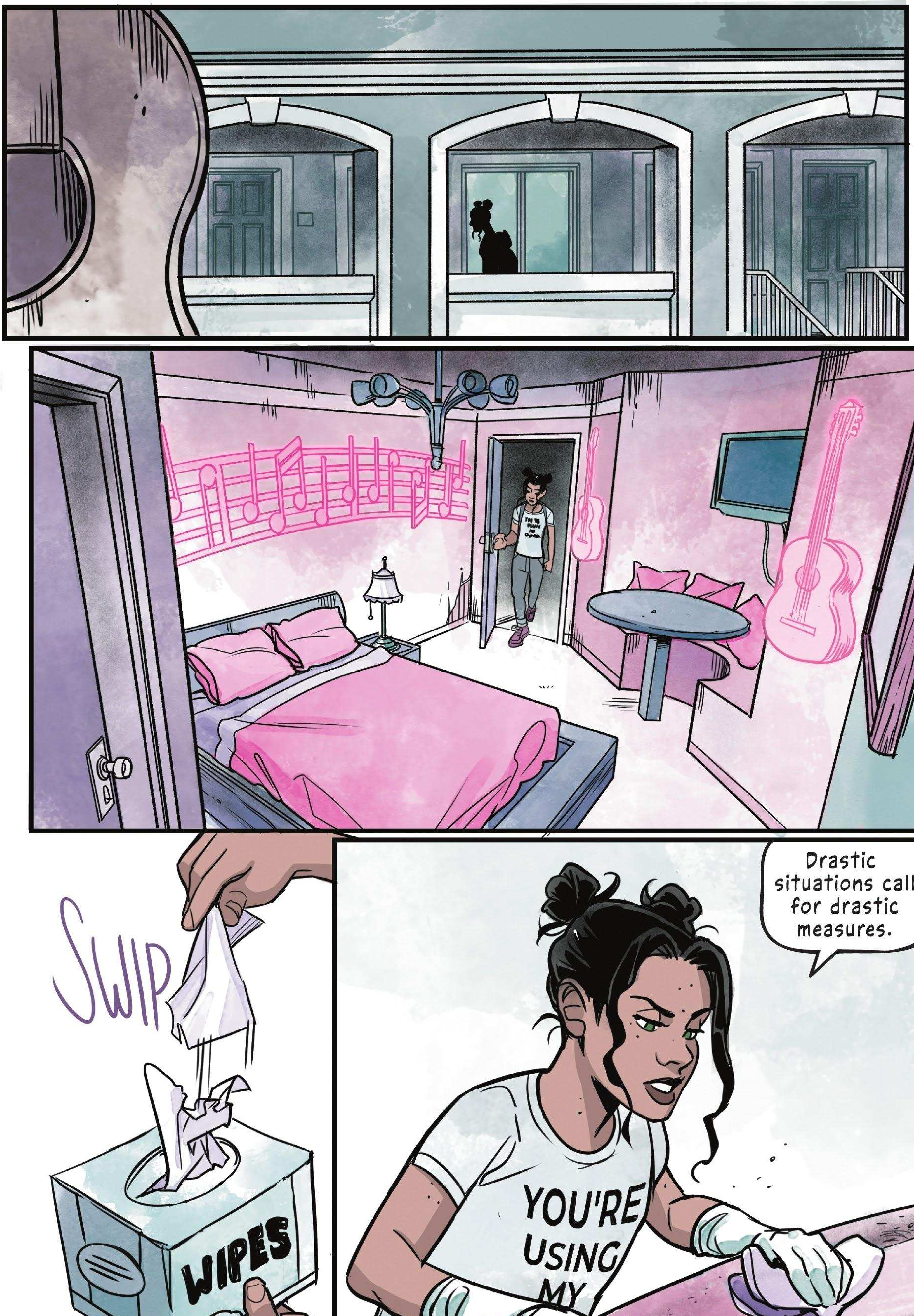
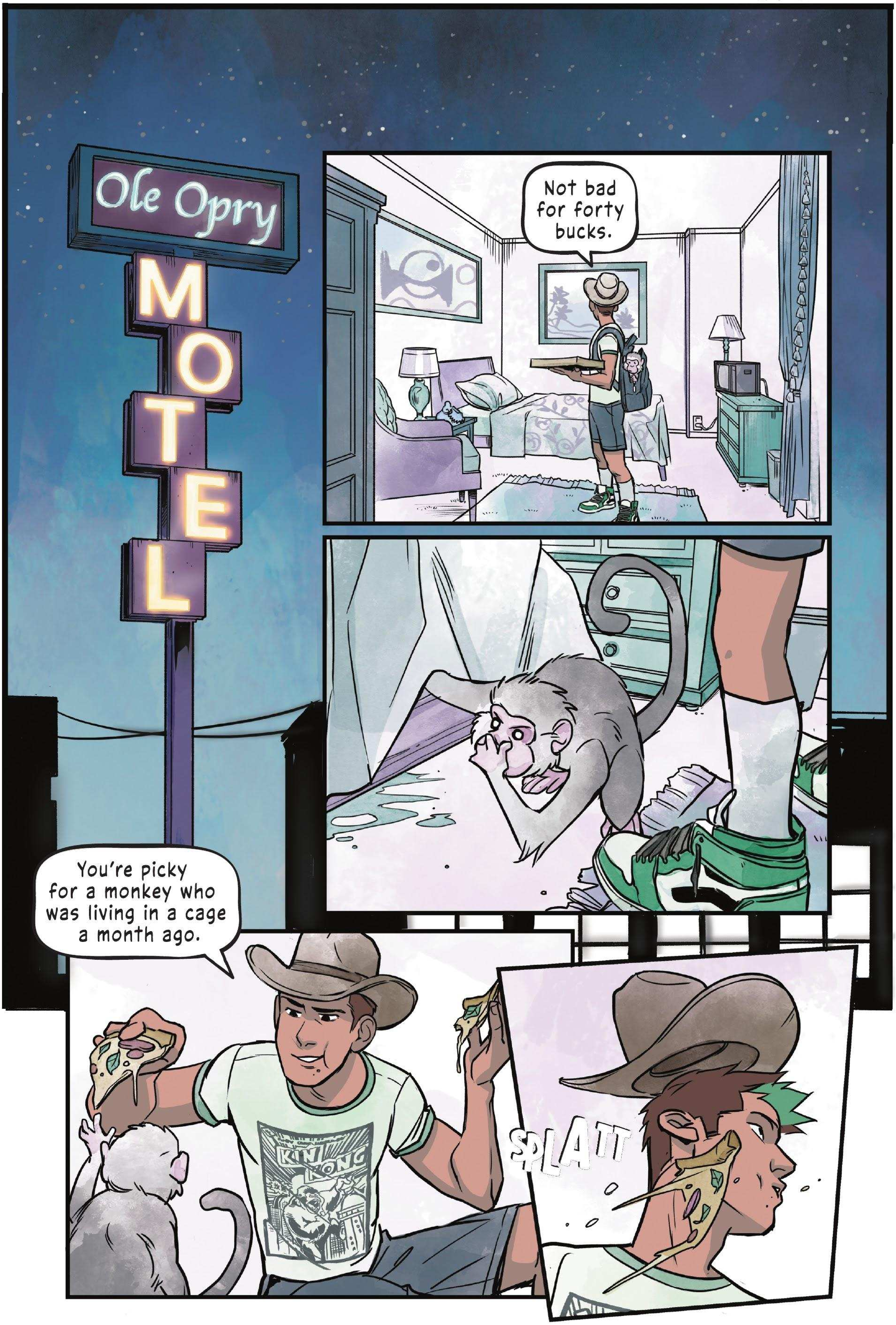
10
Wait. This isn't what I...ordered.
I think that's mine and they gave me yours. I'm a vegetarian.
BLACK IS MY HAPPY
DRACULA


Since when are hot dogs vegetarian? If you're going to lie, at least put some effort into it.
It's a *vegan* dog.
In a Nashville barbecue place? Nice try.
Did you just pull my hair?
What is this, second grade?


It wasn't me.
See ya around... or not.
SEATING
BLACK IS HA COLOR
Thanks for blowing my chance, Kong.
EEK
Is this a regular hot dog?
'Cuz I'm a vegetarian.
I don't eat meat.
That's not *meat*, darlin'. Ribs are meat. Brisket is meat.
That is a ***hot dog***.
Right.
There goes my dream girl.
TONIGHT
NASHVILLE
Bar
DOWNTOWN
WHISKEY
BBQ OPEN


GUITAR
MOTEL
FREE INTERNET
LOW RATES
Cash rate is sixty a night.
Then one night, please.
It looks like Elvis Presley's bedroom exploded in here.


SWIP
WIPES
192
Drastic situations call for drastic measures.
YOU'RE USING MY


Ole Opry
MOTEL
Not bad for forty bucks.
You're picky for a monkey who was living in a cage a month ago.
KING KONG
SPLATT

THE NEXT DAY
This is it—the Country Music Hall of Fame.
PLANT POWERED
UTH ENTRANCE

How did I end up here?
How cool is this?
ZZZZ
MUSEUM GUIDE
PLANT POWERED

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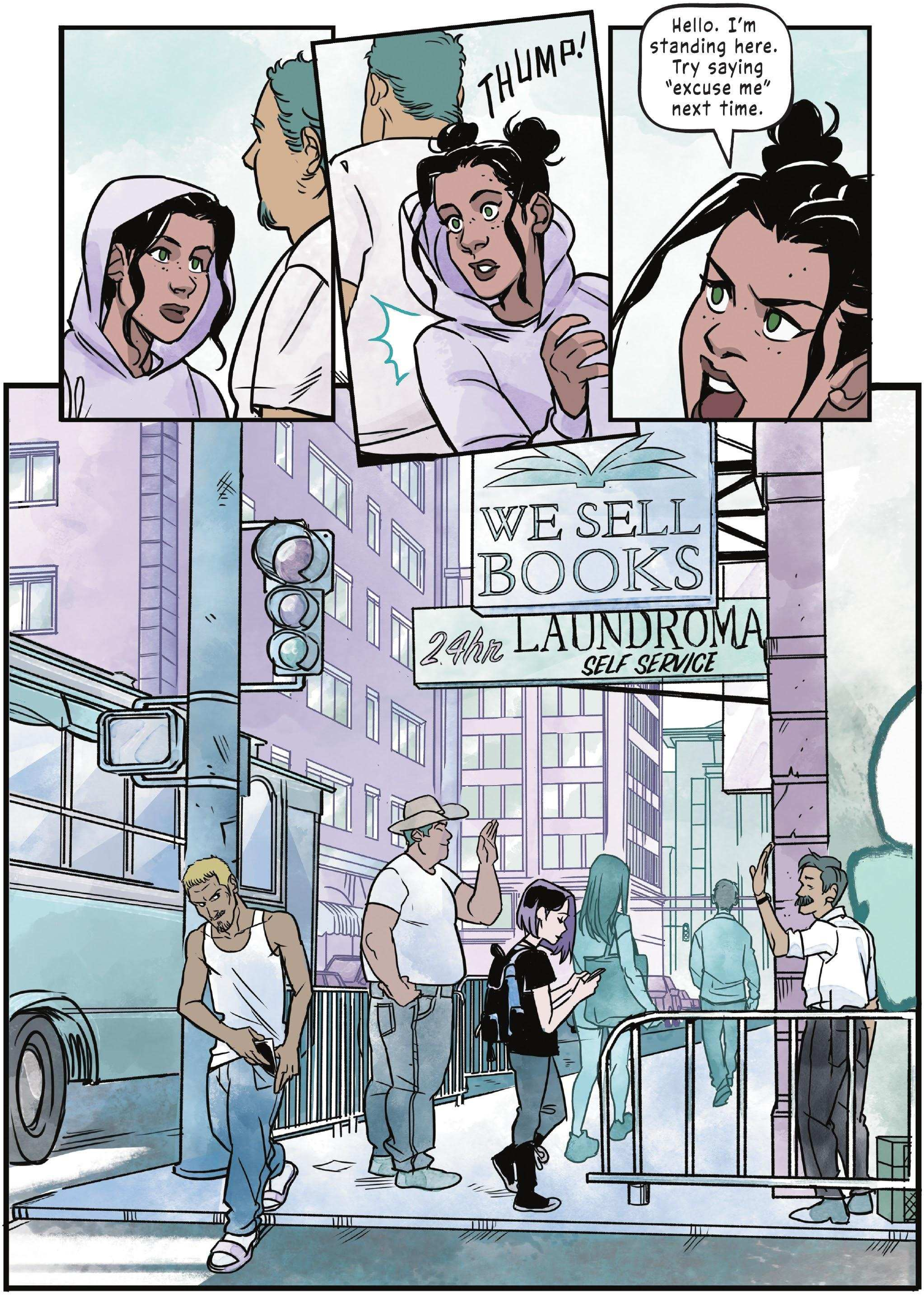
ONE WAY
NALK
We could've had so much fun if Raven had let me come with her.
Best friends. Cousins. Foster sisters.
The two of us against the world...or just against Trigon.

CLAP
CLAP


THUMP!
Hello. I'm standing here. Try saying "excuse me" next time.
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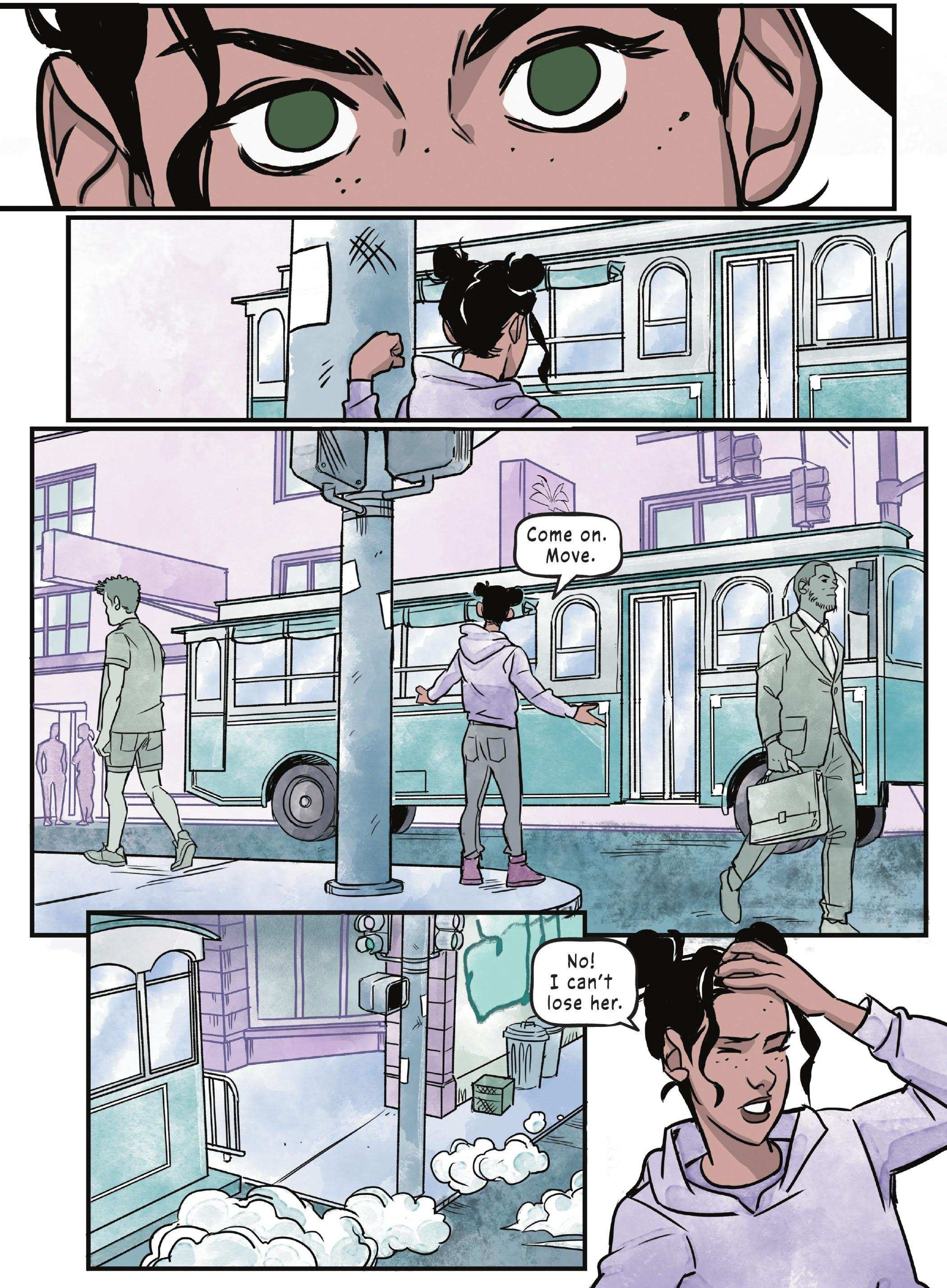
Come on. Move.
No! I can't lose her.

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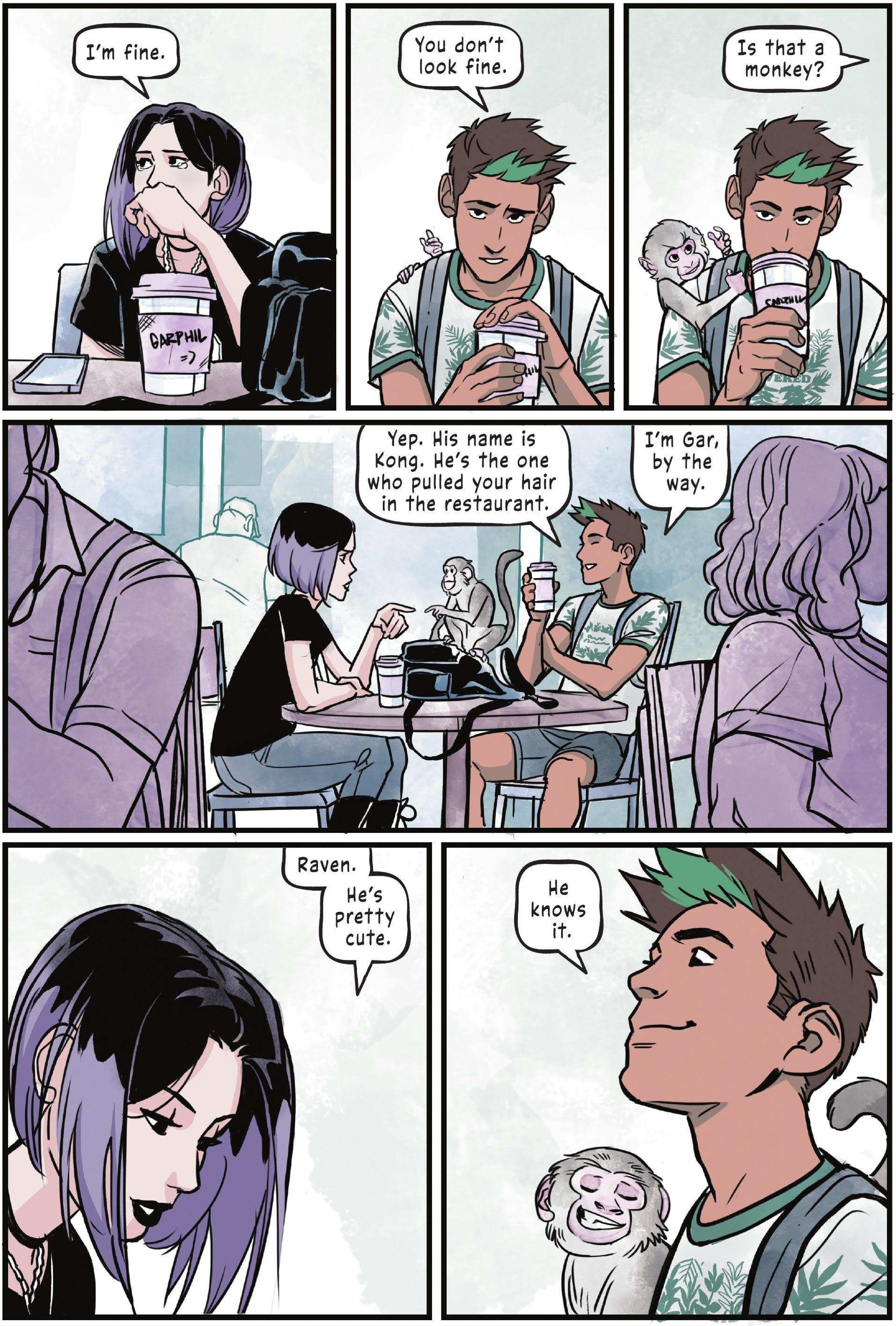
CHAPTER 3: KNIGHT IN TARNISHED ARMOR

latte love
latte love
NEW!
There she is, Kong!
Don't screw things up for me this time.
HYPE
latte love
That'll be four-eighty.
Total due....
Sorry...I can't find my wallet.

I've got it.
latt
It has to be here.
Tourists have reported pickpockets around here for the last few weeks.
DRACULA
Here you go.
PLANT POWERED
You didn't have to...but thanks.
Someone stole my wallet.
Oh My Goth
You okay?
PLANT POWERED


I'm fine.
GARPHIL
You don't look fine.
Is that a monkey?
Yep. His name is Kong. He's the one who pulled your hair in the restaurant.
I'm Gar, by the way.
Raven.
He's pretty cute.
He knows it.

It's getting late.
Do you have a way home?
Is there somebody you can call?
I'm from New Orleans.
I could call my foster sister, but she was already worried about me coming here alone.
Why am I telling him this?
Where are you staying? I'll walk you.
I'm meeting someone, but he won't be here for two days. I was going to stay in a hotel, but...
Probably her boyfriend. A girl this cool can't be single.

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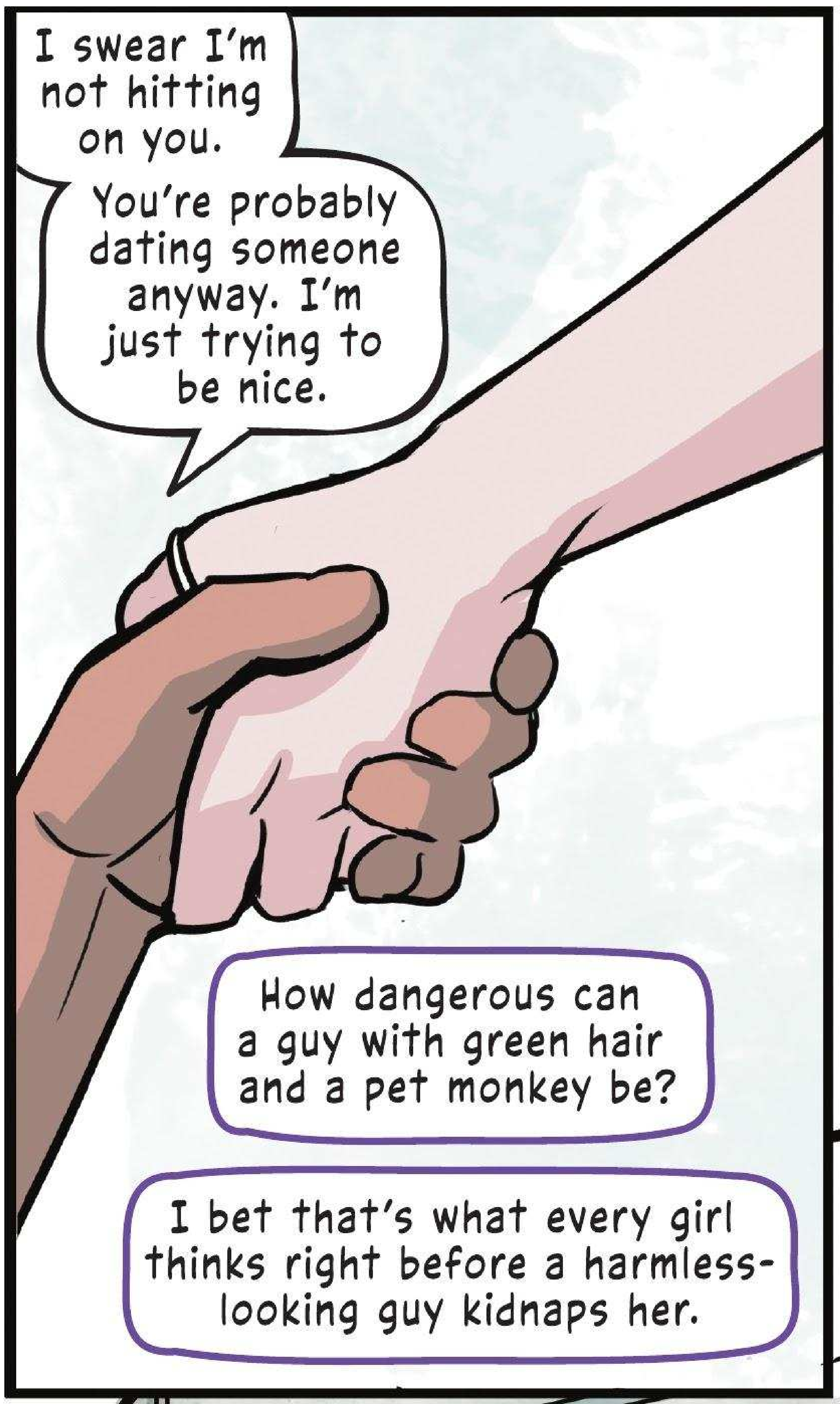
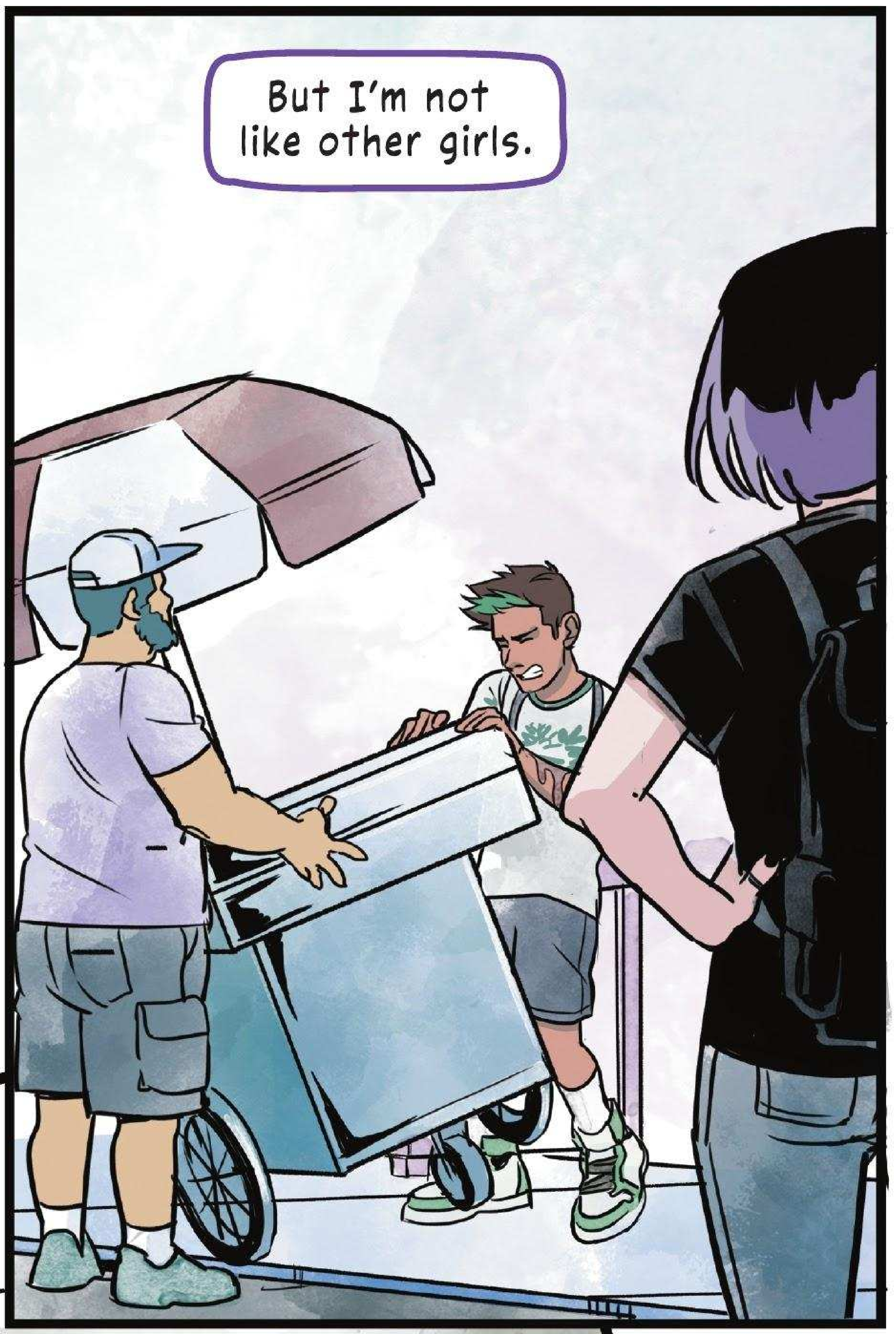
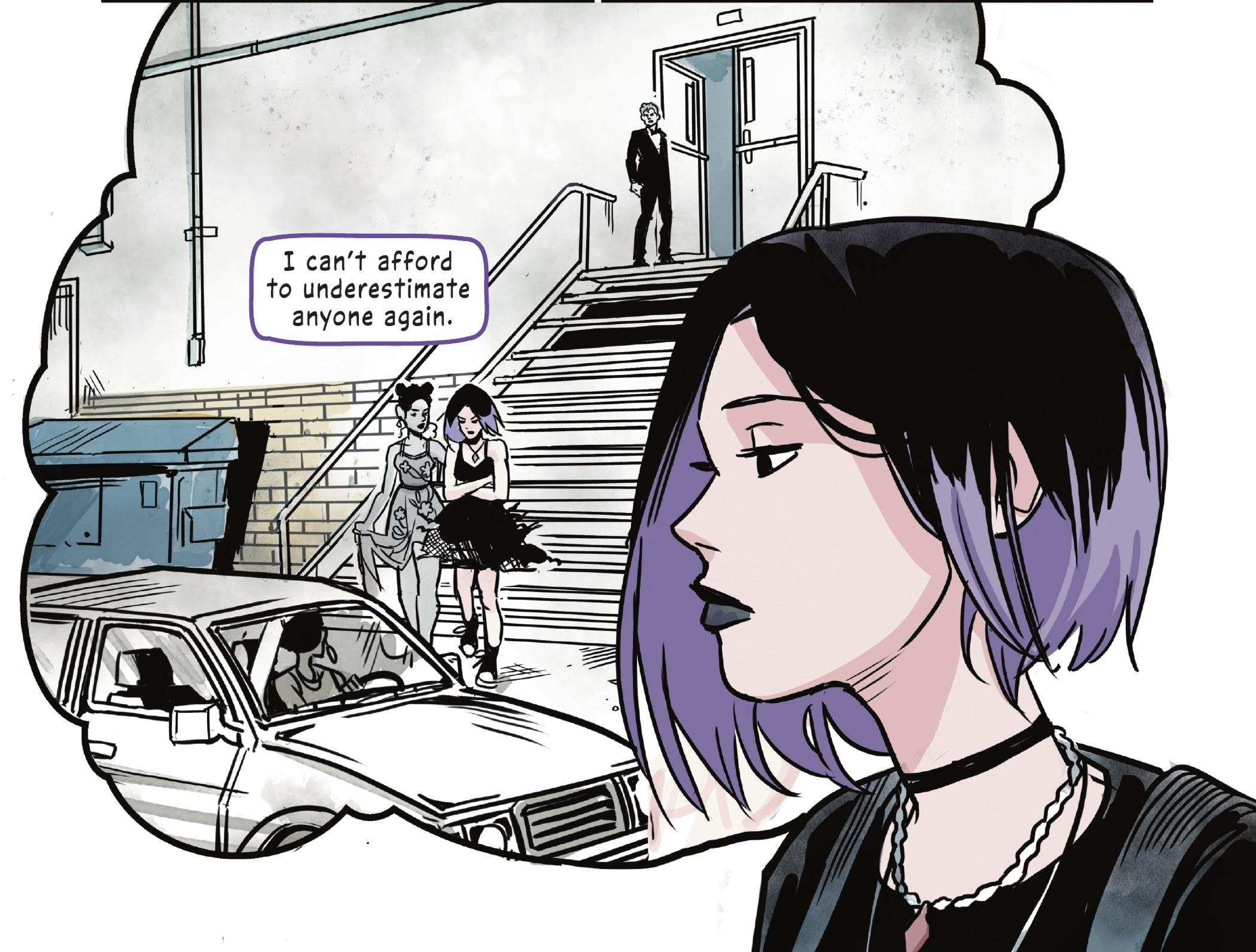
I've got a room. You can crash there.
Nice try.
latte love
It's early. Let's hit another bar.
I wouldn't mind getting her alone.
Why am I hearing his thoughts?
This hasn't happened since I banished Trigon.

Back off.
PLANT POWERED
Whatever you say.
Do I look like a damsel in distress?
Huh?

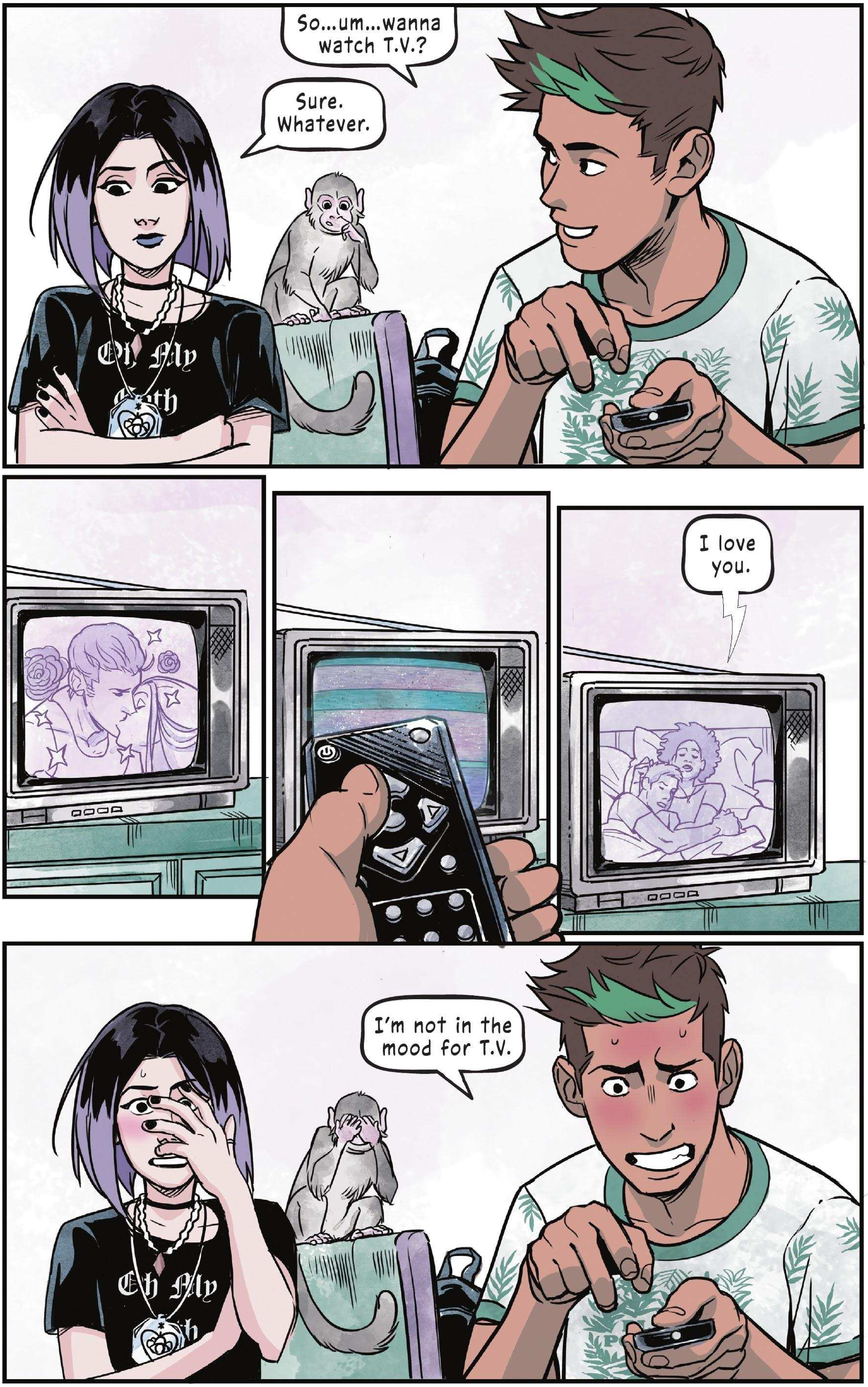
I don't need a guy to swoop in and rescue me.
I'm capable of standing up for myself.
Sorry.
Where are you gonna stay?
Not your problem.
Watch out!
Ahhh!
Are you all right?
My offer stands.

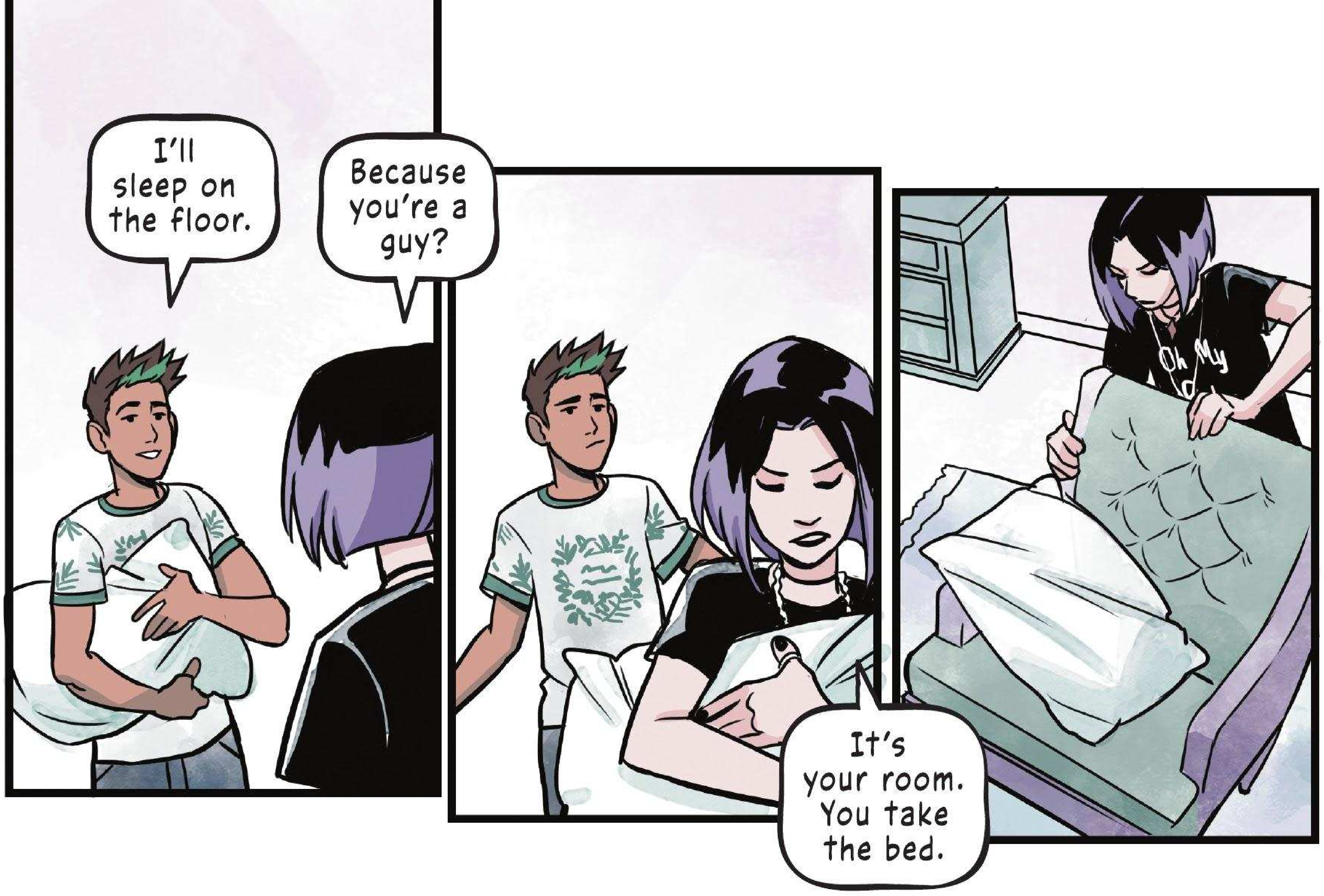

I swear I'm not hitting on you.
You're probably dating someone anyway. I'm just trying to be nice.
How dangerous can a guy with green hair and a pet monkey be?
I bet that's what every girl thinks right before a harmless-looking guy kidnaps her.

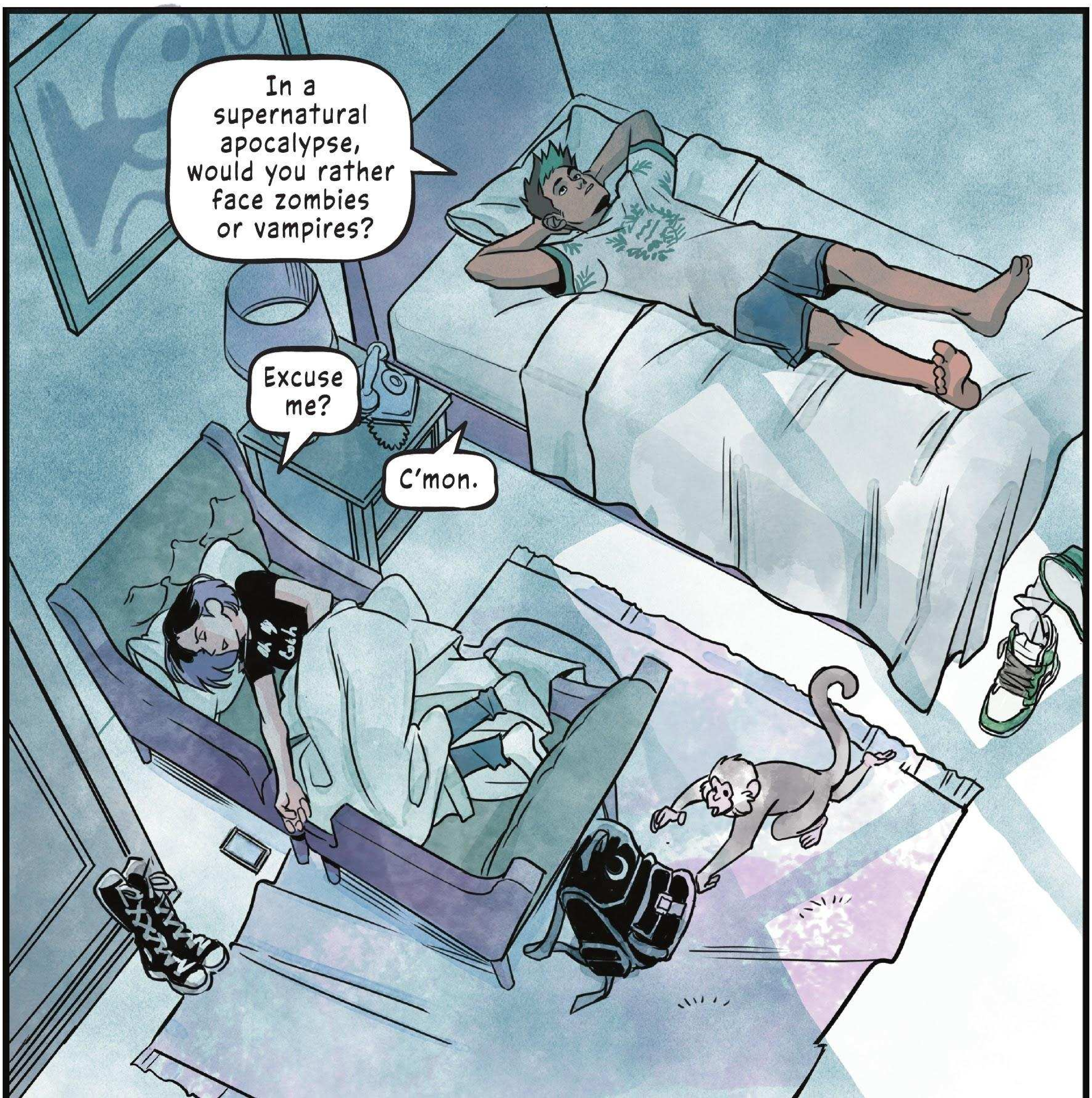

But I'm not like other girls.

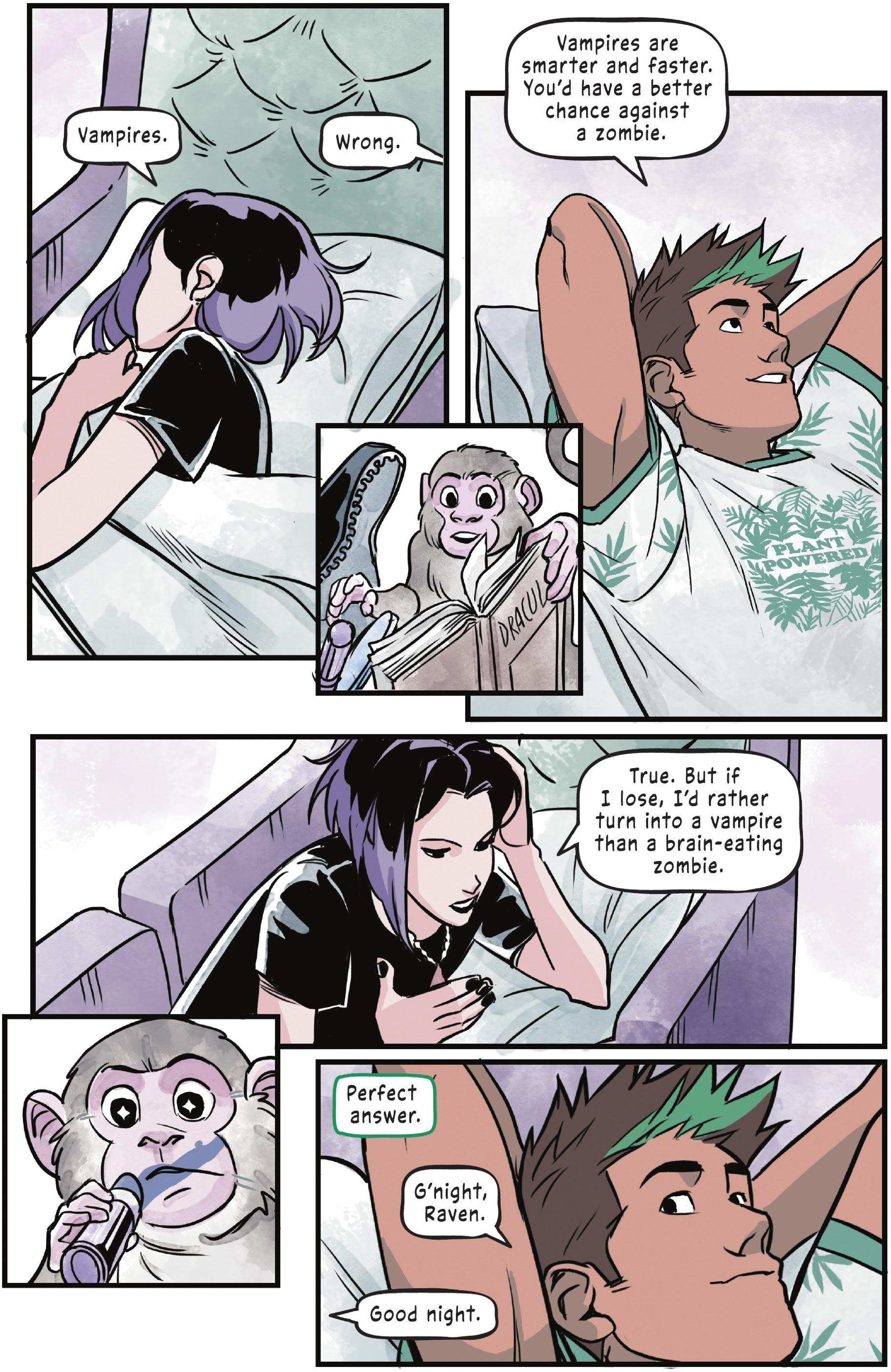

I can't afford to underestimate anyone again.

MOTEL
Everything is fine, Max. I just need you to transfer money into my account.
I'm in Nashville. Where else would I be?
You're acting weird. I'll call you tomorrow.
06:51
70%
Max
Ta-da.
Wow. It looks like...
PLANT POWERED
An old lady's attic?
Pretty much.


So...um...wanna watch T.V.?
Sure. Whatever.
I love you.
I'm not in the mood for T.V.


I'll sleep on the floor.
Because you're a guy?
It's your room. You take the bed.


In a supernatural apocalypse, would you rather face zombies or vampires?
Excuse me?
C'mon.

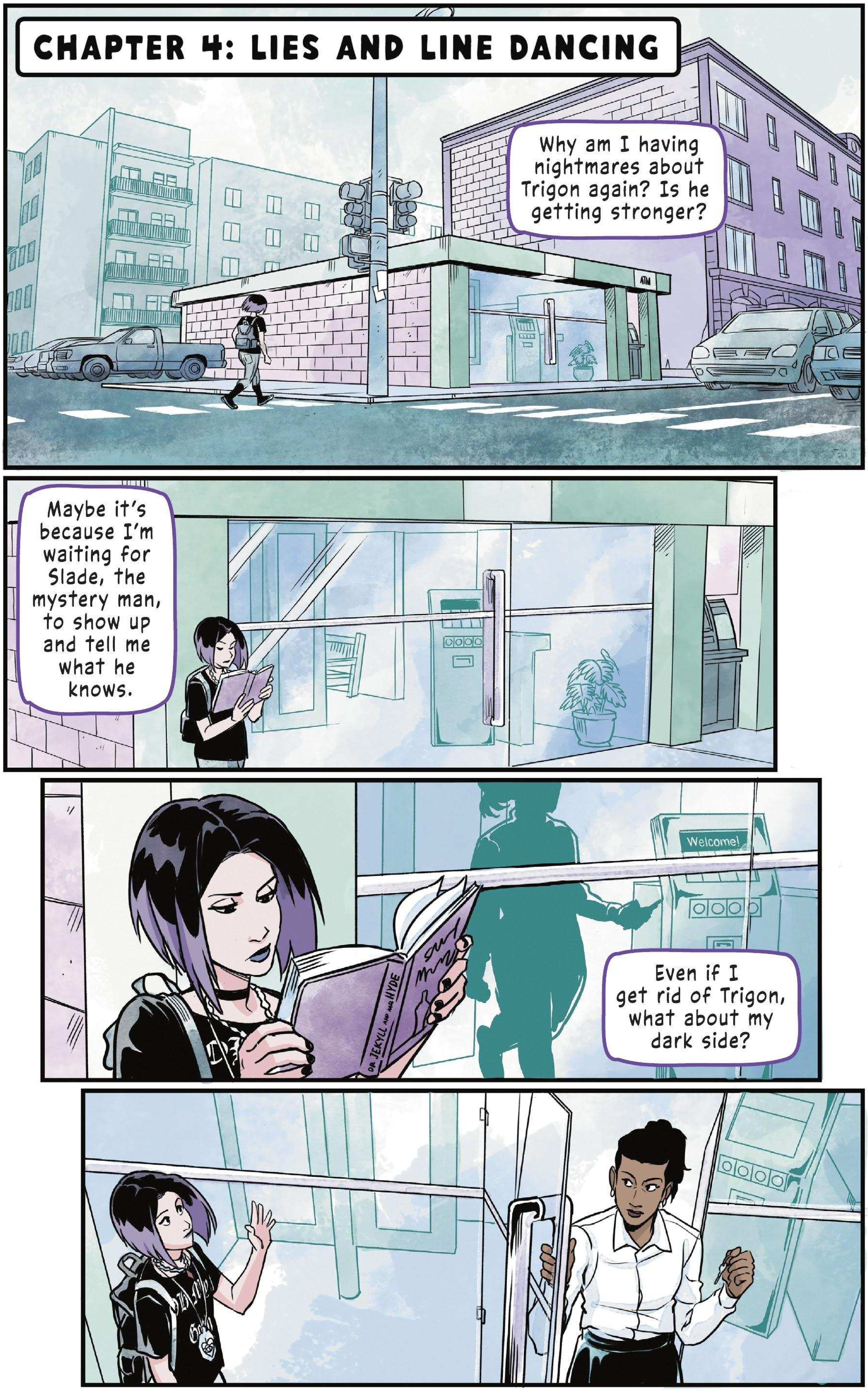

Vampires.
Wrong.
Vampires are smarter and faster. You'd have a better chance against a zombie.
DRACUL
PLANT POWERED
True. But if I lose, I'd rather turn into a vampire than a brain-eating zombie.
Perfect answer.
G'night, Raven.
Good night.

5:30 A.M.
You cannot imprison me forever. When you make a mistake I will be waiting.
Stay away from me. Stay away!
What happened?
Raven? Wake up. You're having a nightmare.
Stay away from me!
Oh My Goth

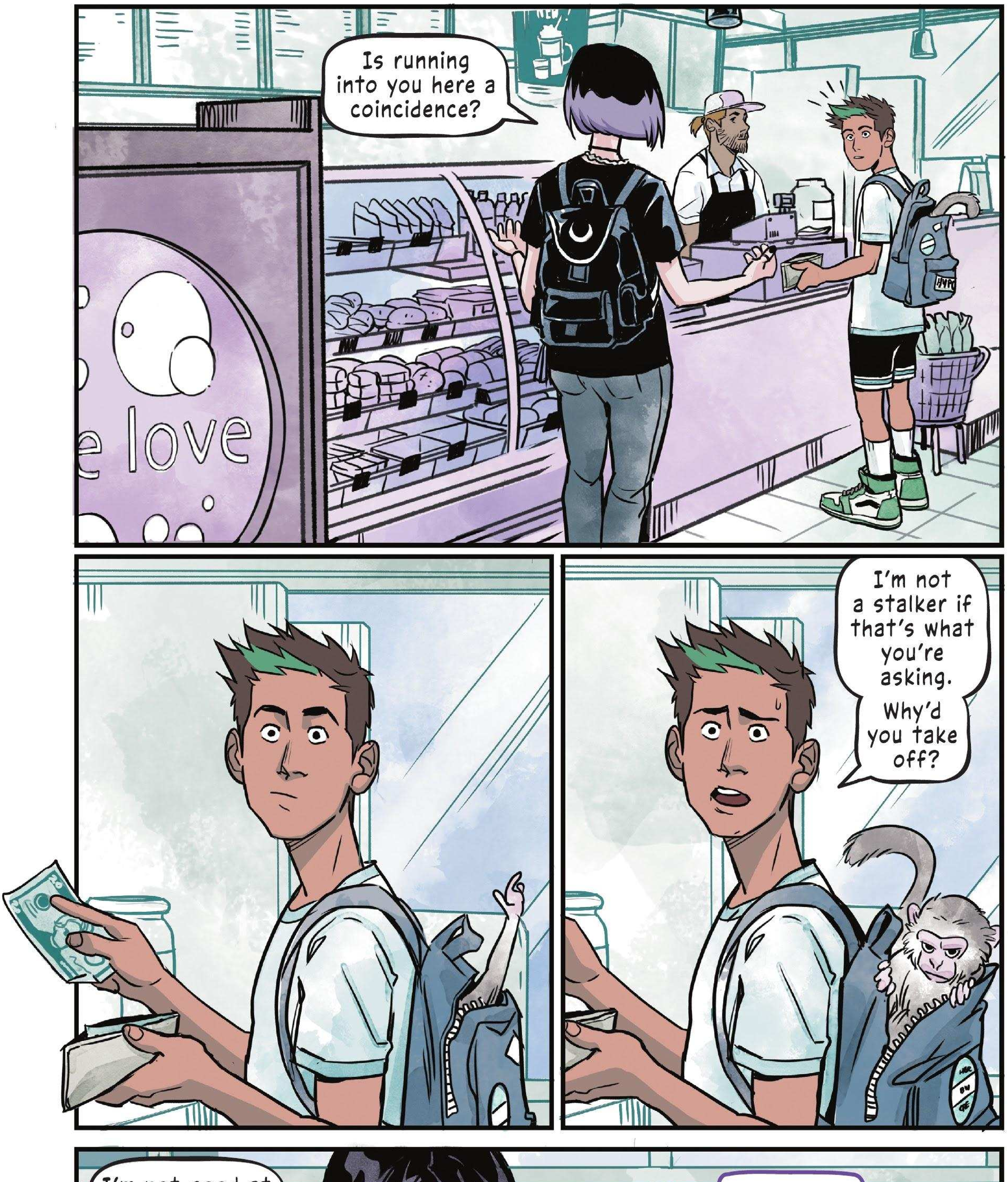
Bad dream. Sorry I woke you up.
Could this be more embarrassing?
Wanna talk about it?
Stupid question. Too personal.
PLANT POWER
I don't remember it.

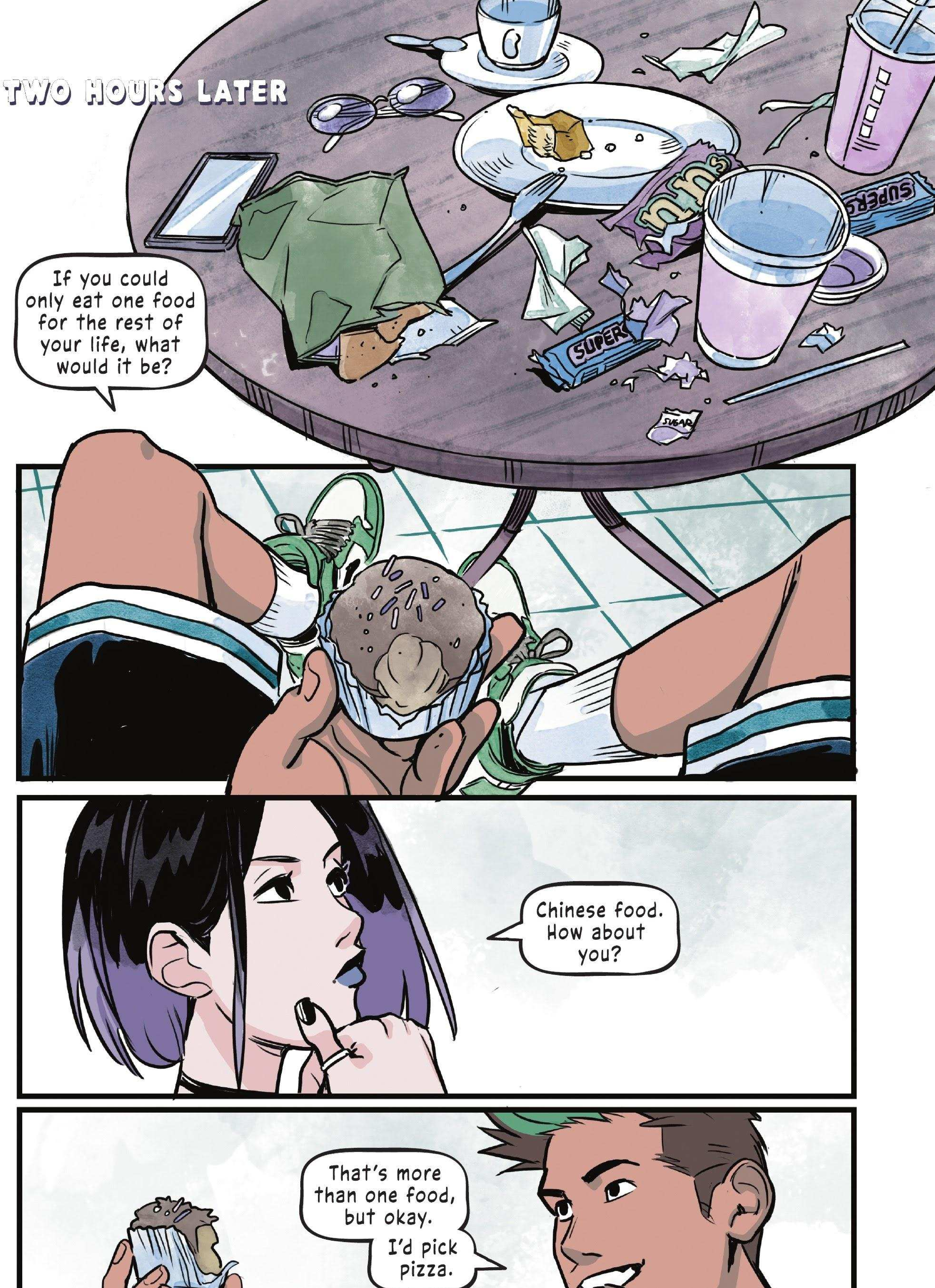
I should take off.
Now that I made a fool of myself.
You don't have to leave.
Thanks for letting me crash.
Where are you gonna go this early?
h My Goth

CHAPTER 4: LIES AND LINE DANCING


Why am I having nightmares about Trigon again? Is he getting stronger?
ATM
Maybe it's because I'm waiting for Slade, the mystery man, to show up and tell me what he knows.
Welcome!
DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE
Even if I get rid of Trigon, what about my dark side?

Thank you.
latte love


Is running into you here a coincidence?
e love
I'm not a stalker if that's what you're asking.
Why'd you take off?
I'm not good at accepting help, I guess.
Not a total cop-out.
Oh My Goth


TWO HOURS LATER
SUPER
SUPER
SUGAR
If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Chinese food. How about you?
That's more than one food, but okay.
I'd pick pizza.

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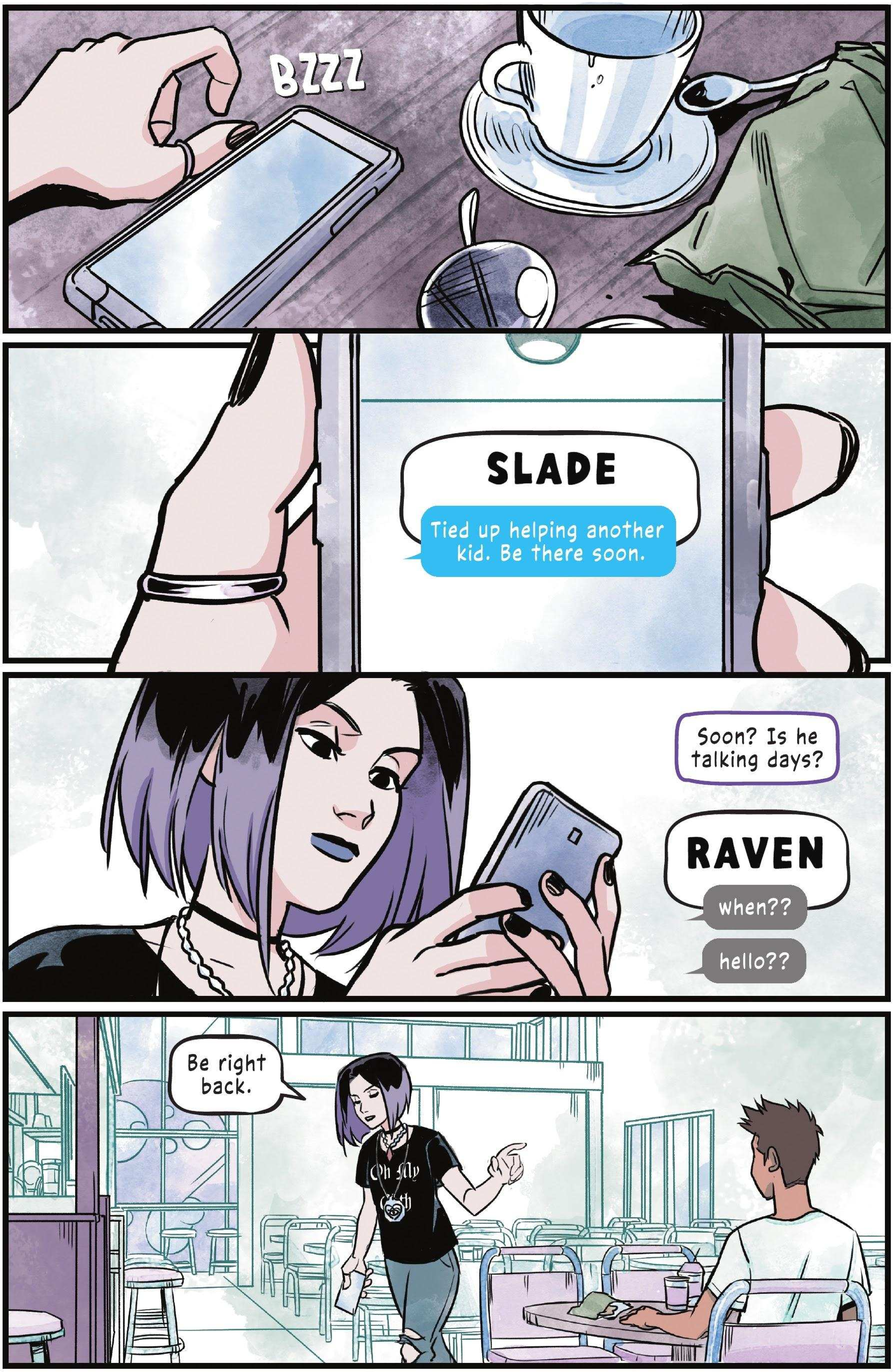
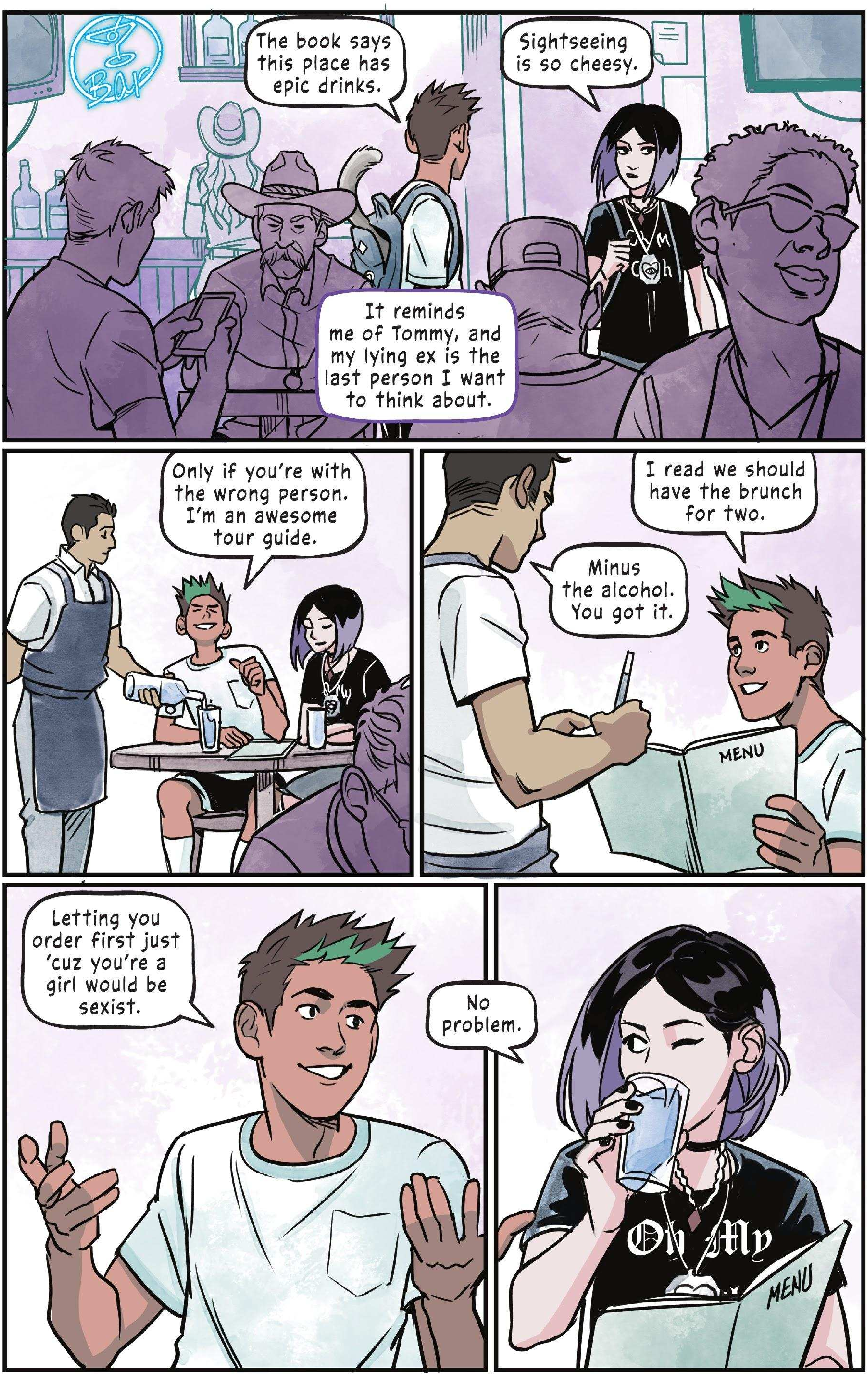

BZZZ
SLADE
Tied up helping another kid. Be there soon.
Soon? Is he talking days?
RAVEN
when??
hello??
Be right back.

BZZZ
10:21
SLADE
Helping another kid. Need a few more days.
BEAST BOY
it's all good
Everything okay?
The guy I'm meeting won't be here for a few days.
Lucky for you I've got this.
N
The
ASHVILLE
GUIDE


The book says this place has epic drinks.
Sightseeing is so cheesy.
It reminds me of Tommy, and my lying ex is the last person I want to think about.
Only if you're with the wrong person. I'm an awesome tour guide.
I read we should have the brunch for two.
Minus the alcohol. You got it.
MENU
Letting you order first just 'cuz you're a girl would be sexist.
No problem.
MENU

Brunch for two.
Are those chickens? I'm a vegetarian.
Do you have any vegetarian options?
Coming right up.
THREE VERY LONG MINUTES LATER...
One vegetarian plate.
Oh My

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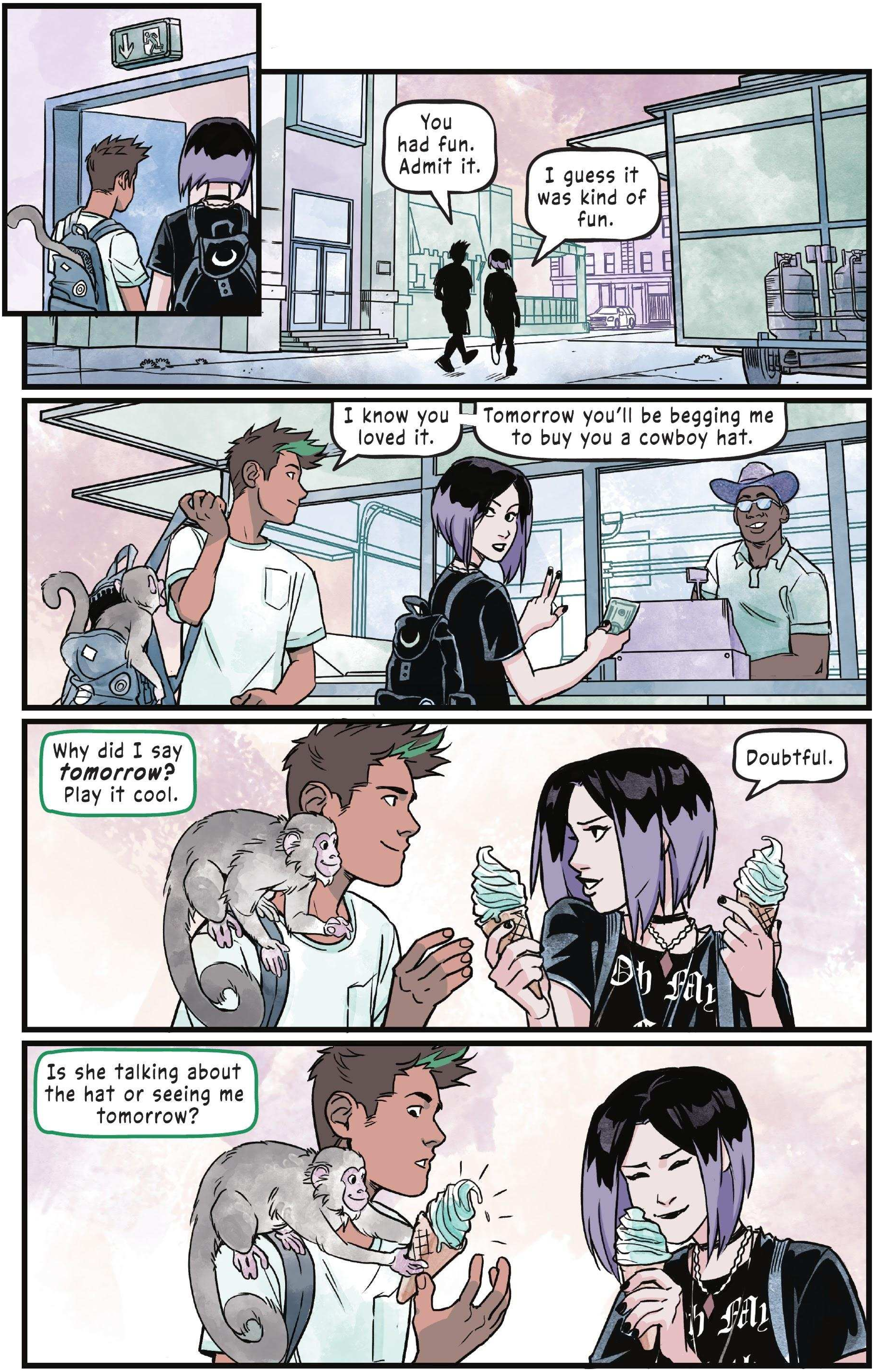
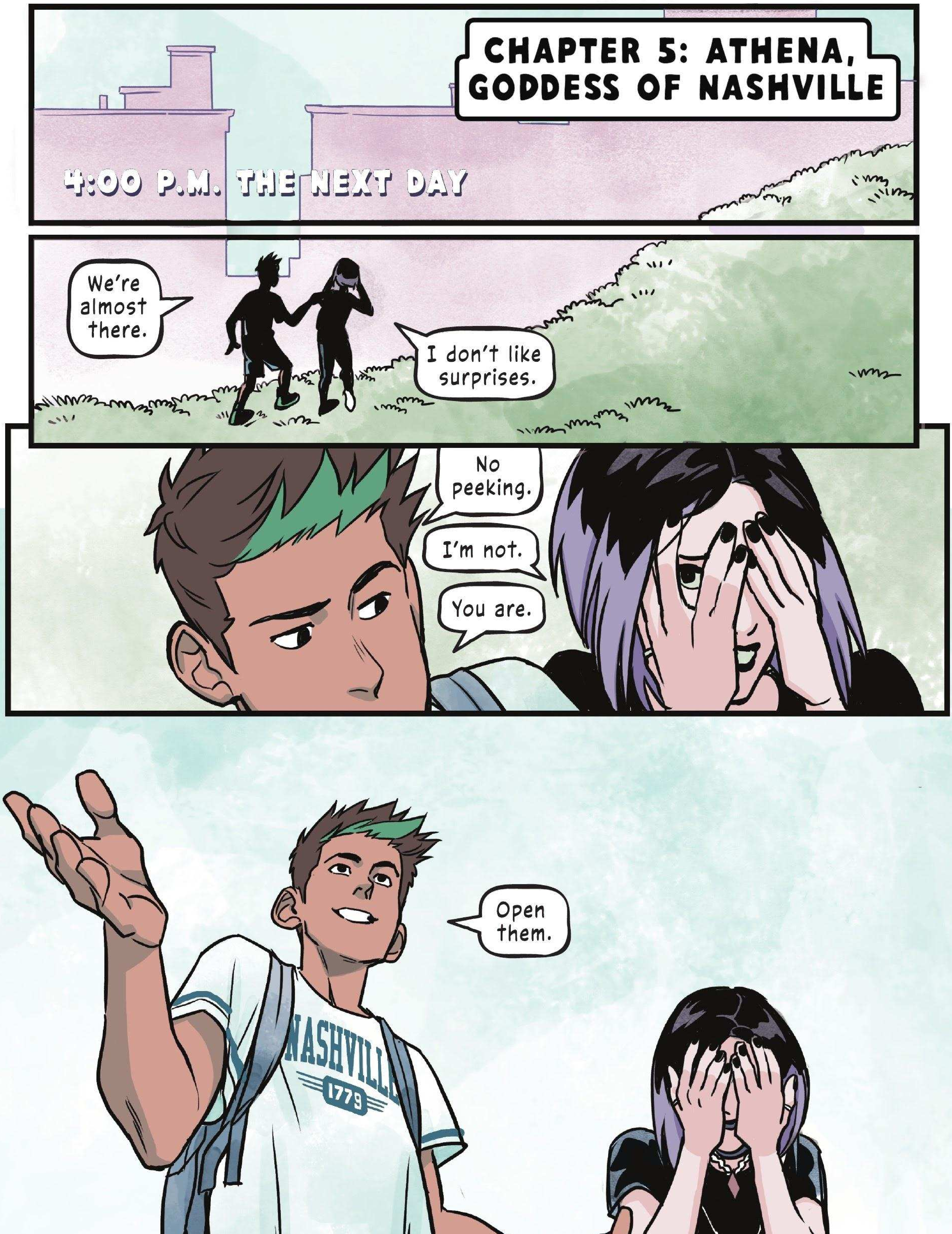
No way, Gar.
It'll be fun.
Oh My
Drinks
EX
DAN
A


You had fun. Admit it.
I guess it was kind of fun.
I know you loved it.
Tomorrow you'll be begging me to buy you a cowboy hat.
Why did I say *tomorrow?* Play it cool.
Doubtful.
Is she talking about the hat or seeing me tomorrow?

It's now or never.
I don't have any plans tomorrow. You?
Nope.
GUITAR MOTEL
Want to check out some more places? We could meet here at eleven.
Twelve.
And no cowboy hats.

CHAPTER 5: ATHENA, GODDESS OF NASHVILLE


4:00 P.M. THE NEXT DAY
We're almost there.
I don't like surprises.
No peeking.
I'm not.
You are.
NASHVILLE 1779
Open them.

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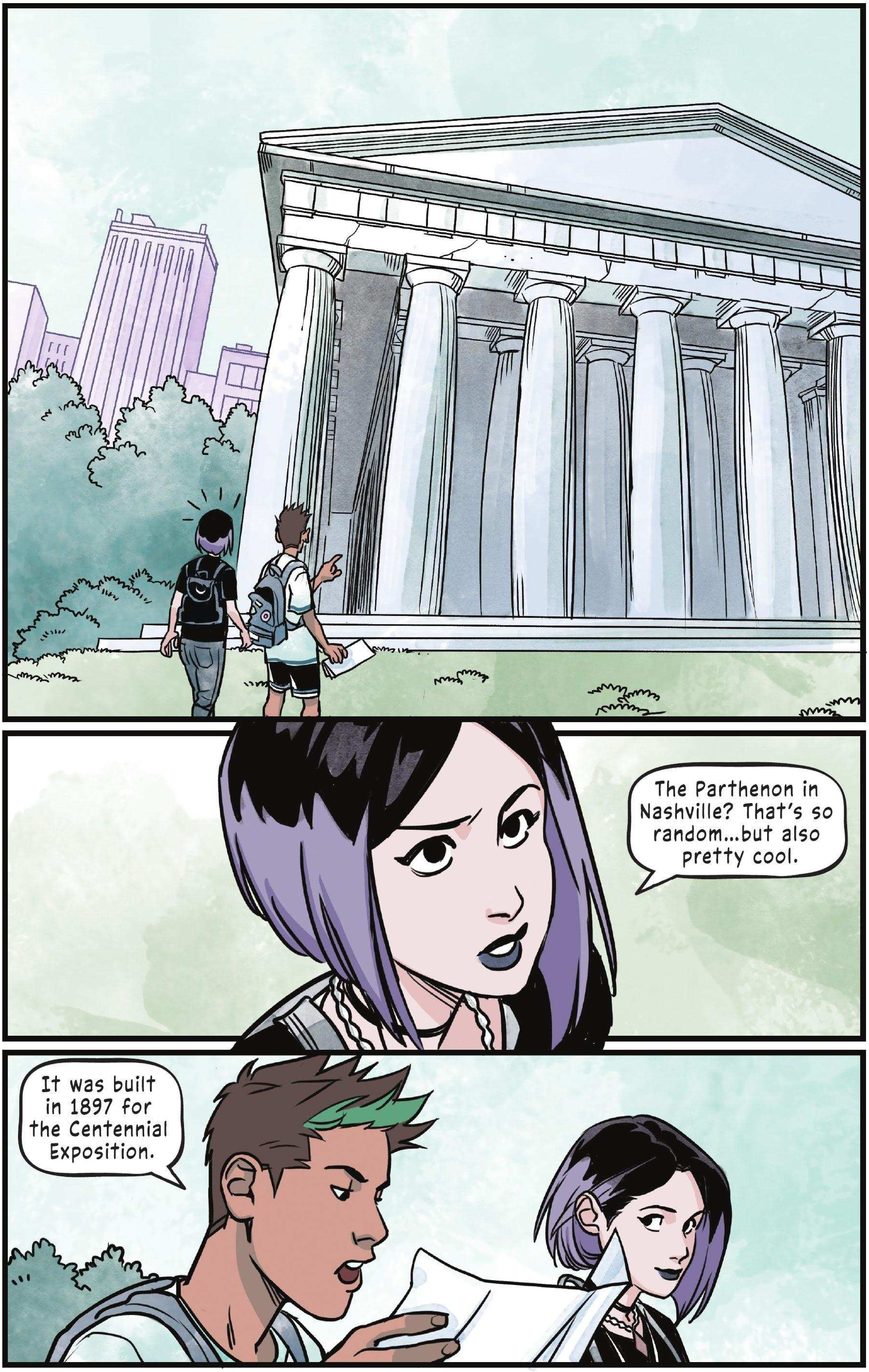
The Parthenon in Nashville? That's so random...but also pretty cool.
It was built in 1897 for the Centennial Exposition.

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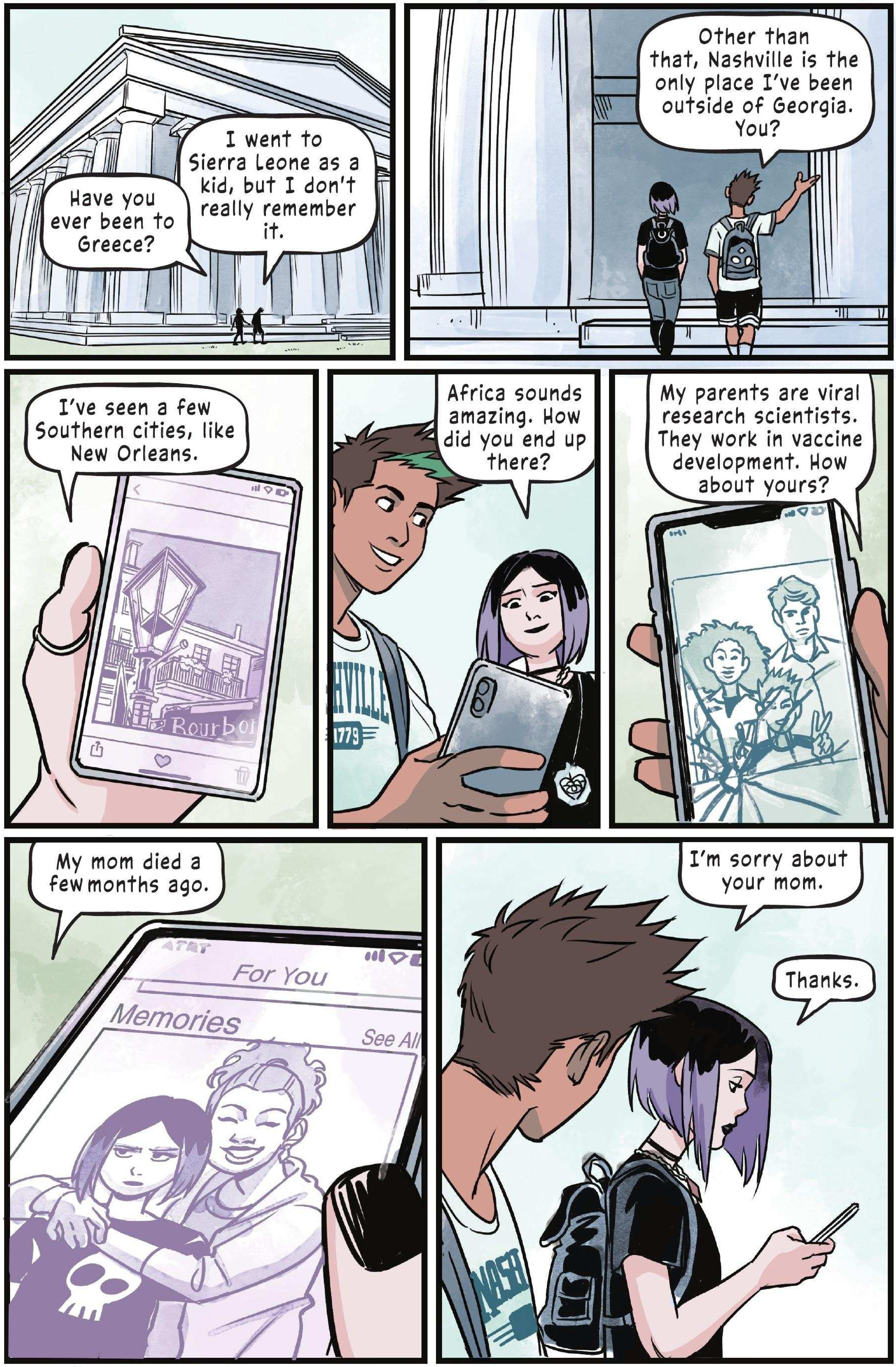
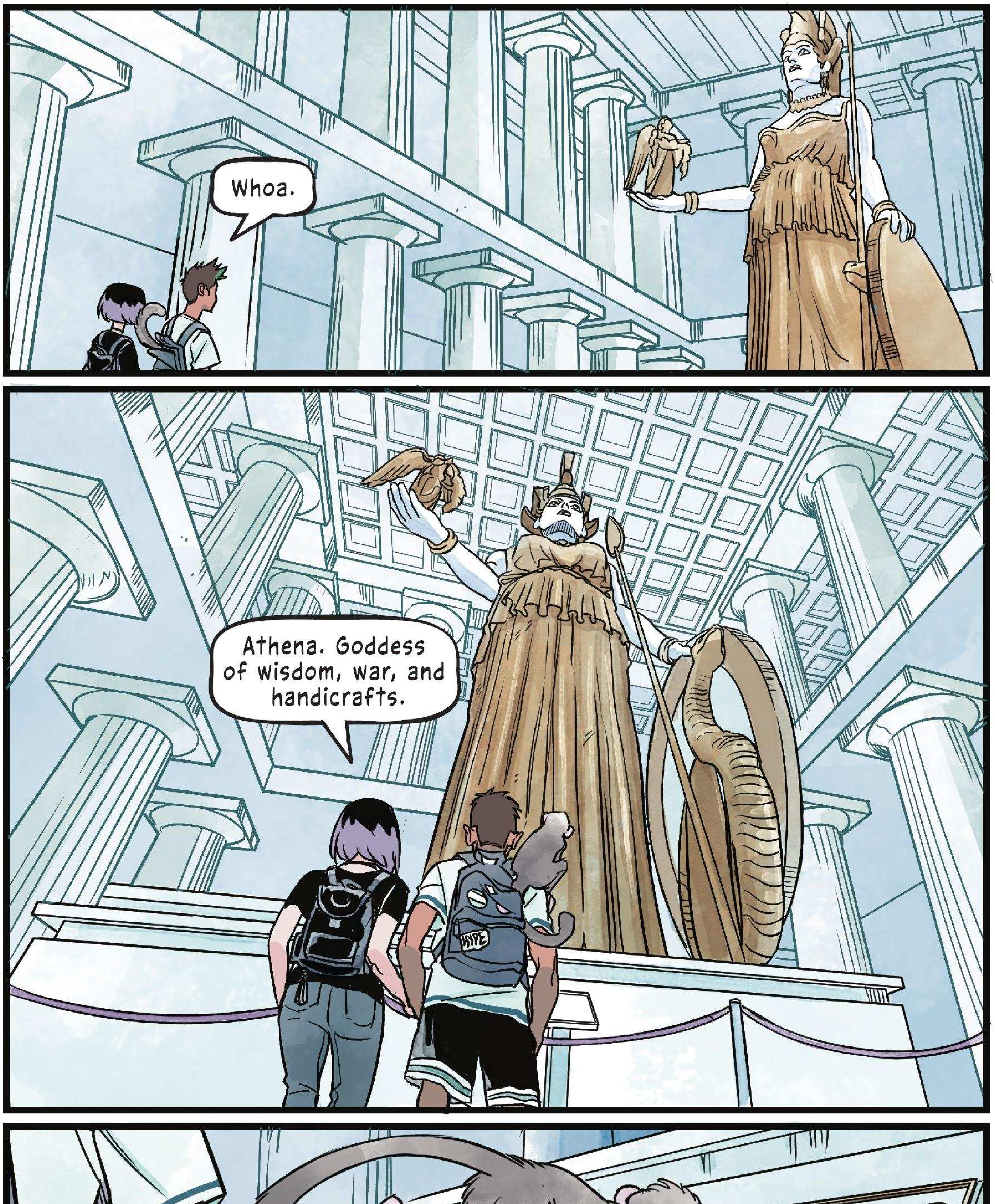

Have you ever been to Greece?
I went to Sierra Leone as a kid, but I don't really remember it.
Other than that, Nashville is the only place I've been outside of Georgia. You?
I've seen a few Southern cities, like New Orleans.
Africa sounds amazing. How did you end up there?
My parents are viral research scientists. They work in vaccine development. How about yours?
My mom died a few months ago.
For You
Memories
See All
I'm sorry about your mom.
Thanks.


Whoa.
Athena. Goddess of wisdom, war, and handicrafts.
HYPE
Athena
GODDESS OF WISDOM, WARFARE & HANDICRAFTS
Kong! No climbing on Athena.

It would be cool if the Greek gods and goddesses were real. If you had a problem, you could bring them a gift—like a pizza—and they'd help.
Not all of them. Some gods, like Hades, were violent and dangerous.
You're right. I'd rather *be* one of the gods. Then I could solve my own problems.

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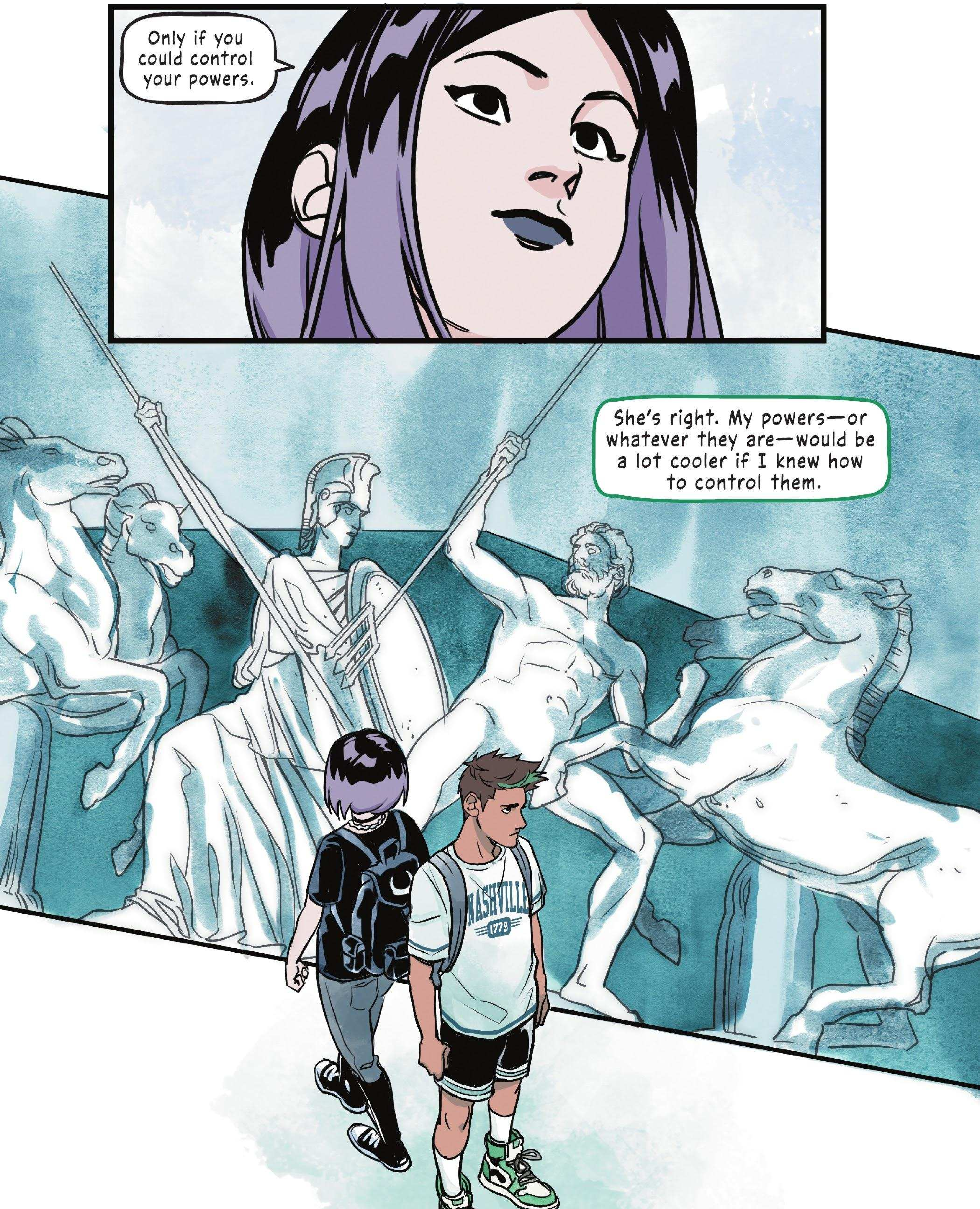
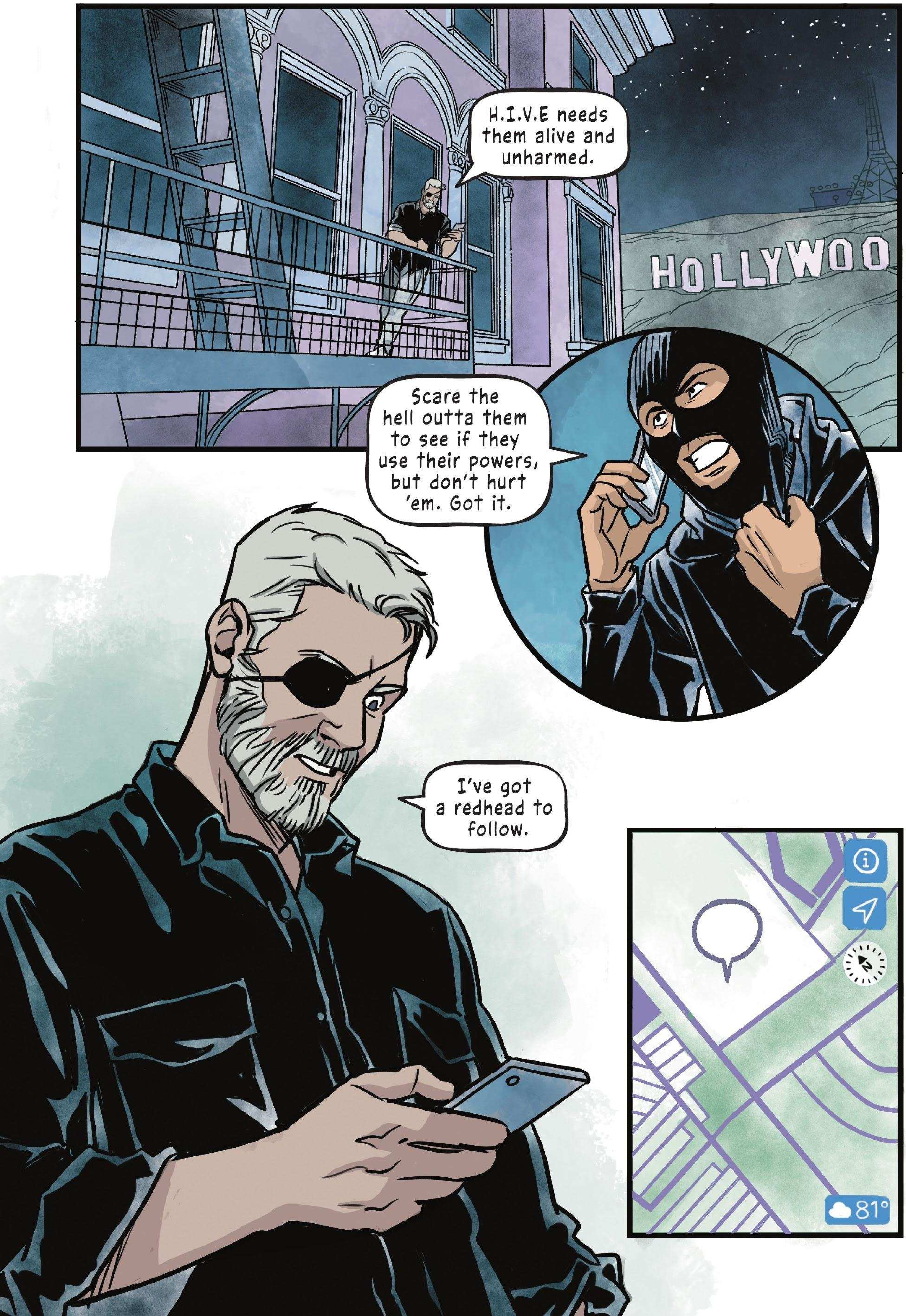

Only if you could control your powers.
She's right. My powers—or whatever they are—would be a lot cooler if I knew how to control them.
NASHVILLE
1779

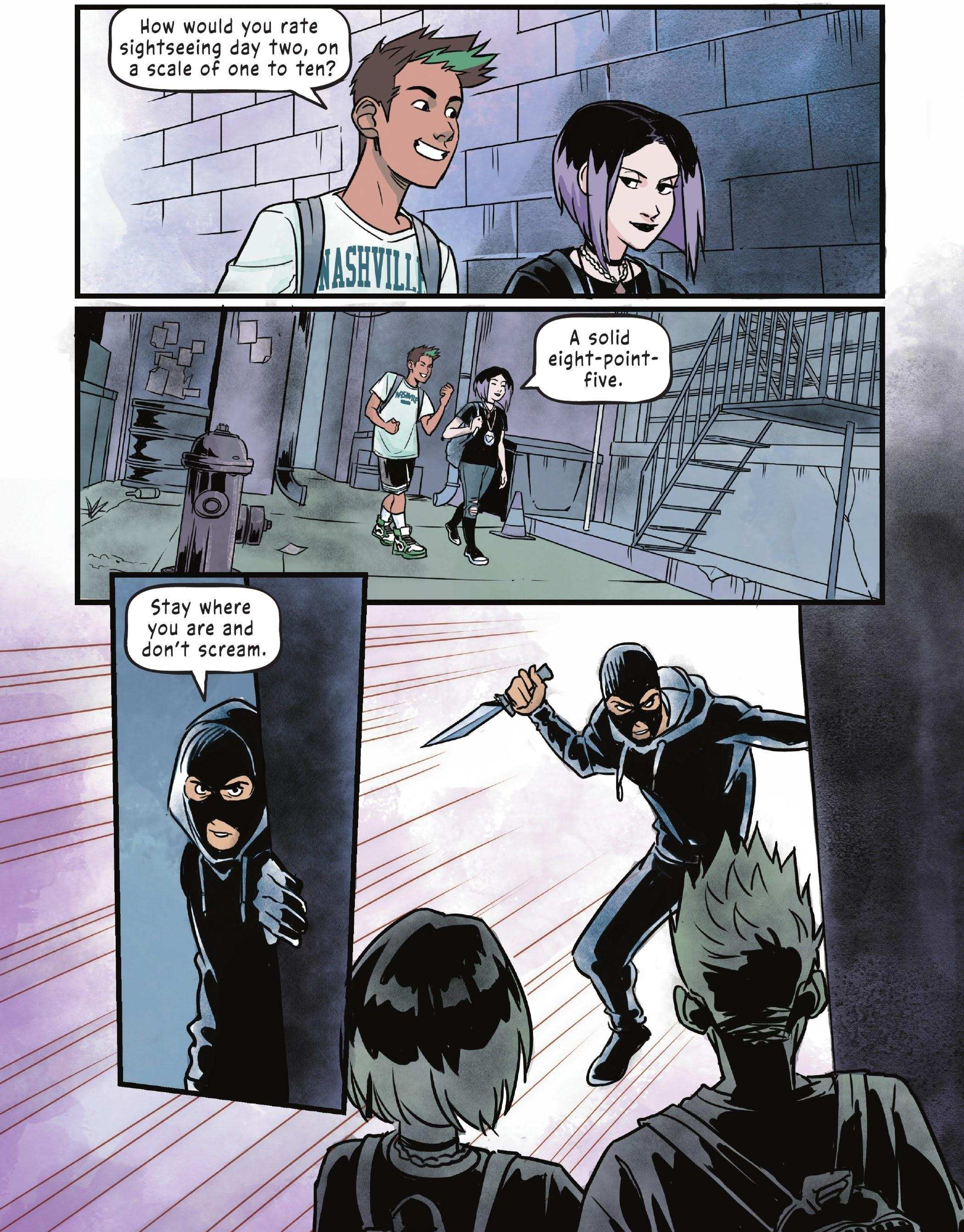
Does your boyfriend mind that we're hanging out?
The person I'm meeting isn't my boyfriend. But if I *was* dating someone, he'd be the kind of guy who wouldn't care.
NASHVILLE 1779
If there's a god of luck, I owe him one.
NASHVILLE
Then why'd you say you had a boyfriend?
NASHVILLE 1779
I didn't. You assumed and I chose not to correct you.

That's harsh. Am I that bad?
No. It just seemed easier.
My last relationship ended badly.
What happened?
He was hiding things from me.

Where are you, Raven?
Tonight will be special.
We have excellent seats in the theater.
This place is just like N.O.L.A.— too many ghosts.

LOS ANGELES


H.I.V.E needs them alive and unharmed.
HOLLYWOO
Scare the hell outta them to see if they use their powers, but don't hurt 'em. Got it.
I've got a redhead to follow.
81°


How would you rate sightseeing day two, on a scale of one to ten?
NASHVILLE
A solid eight-point-five.
Stay where you are and don't scream.

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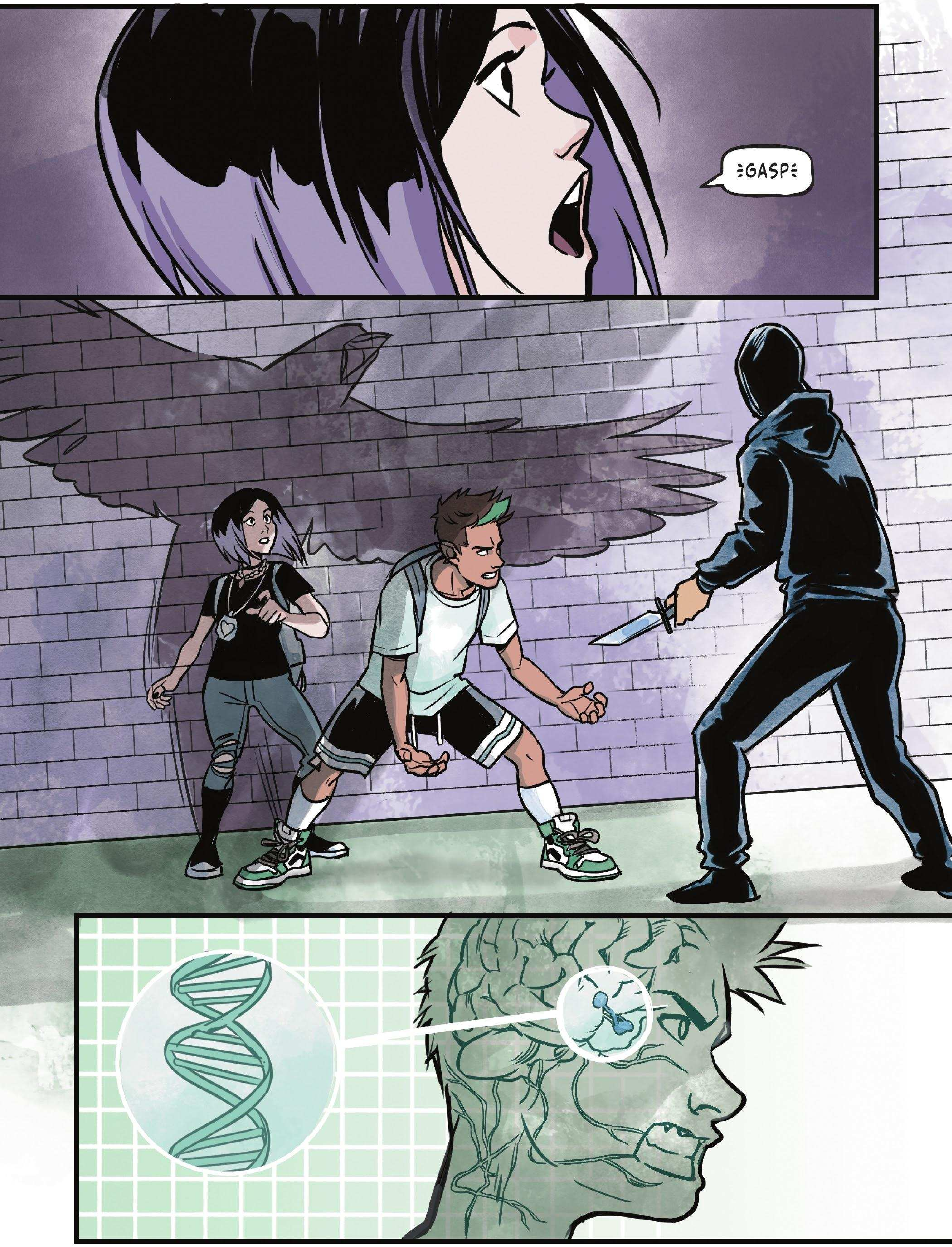
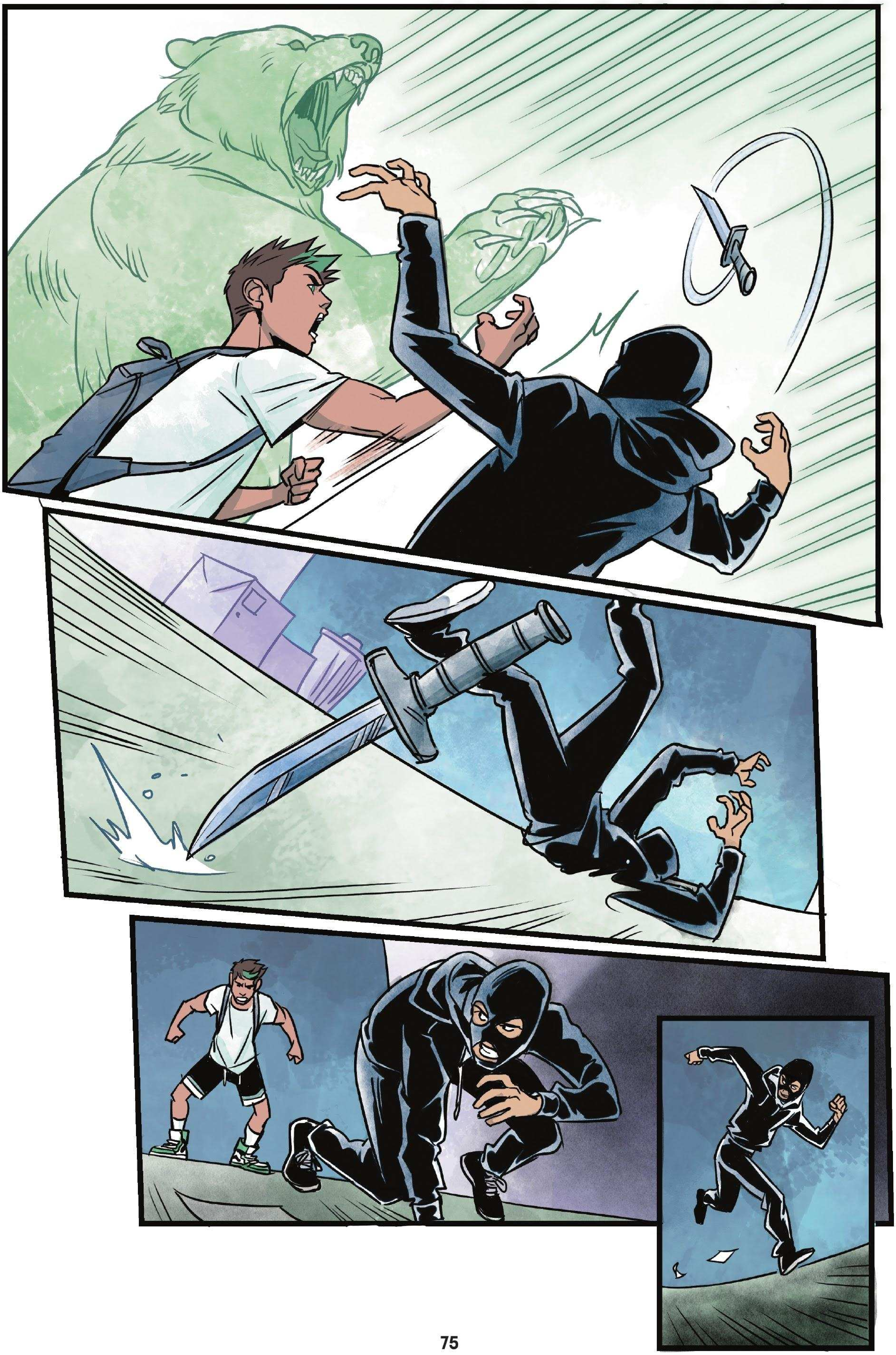
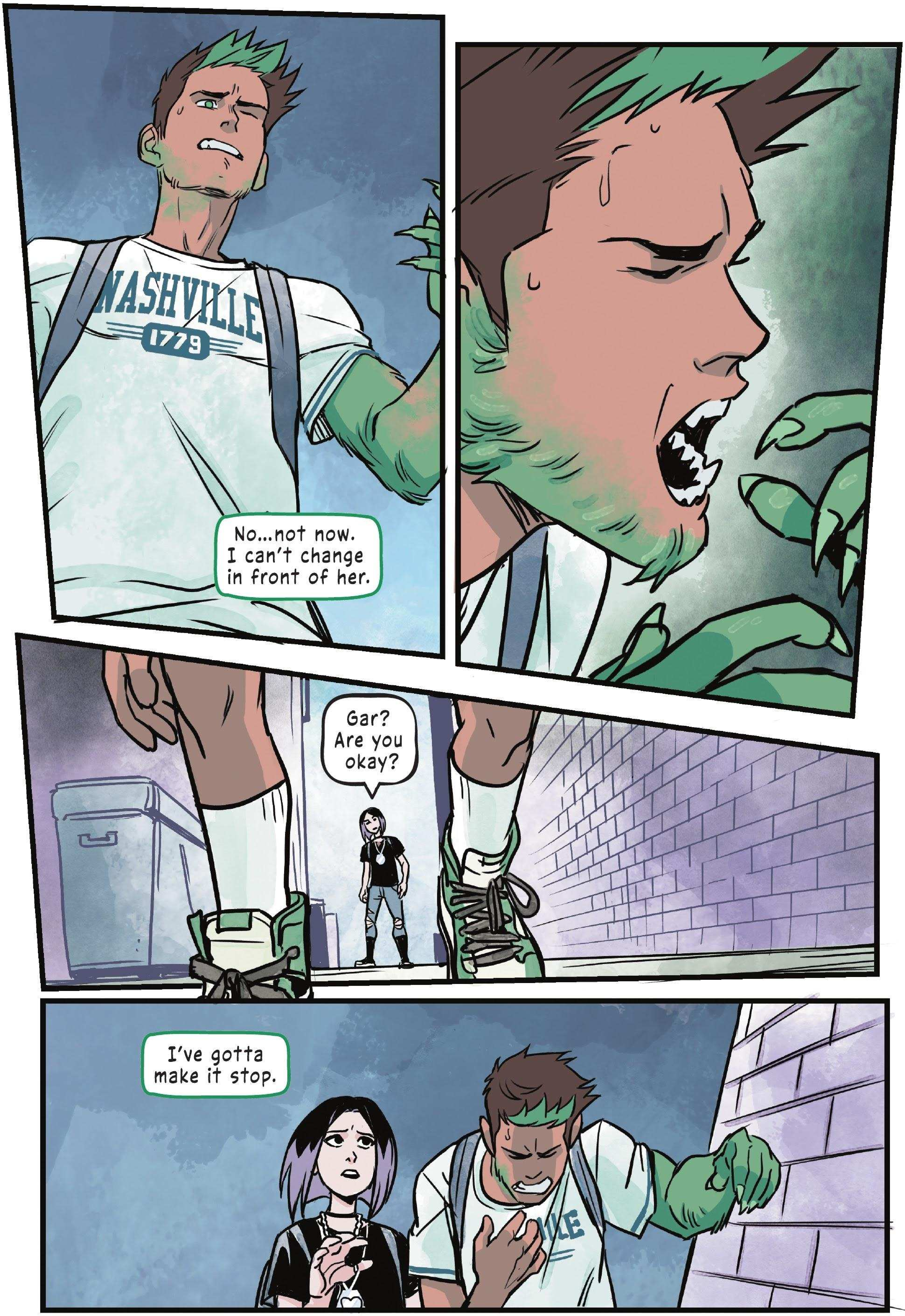

GASP

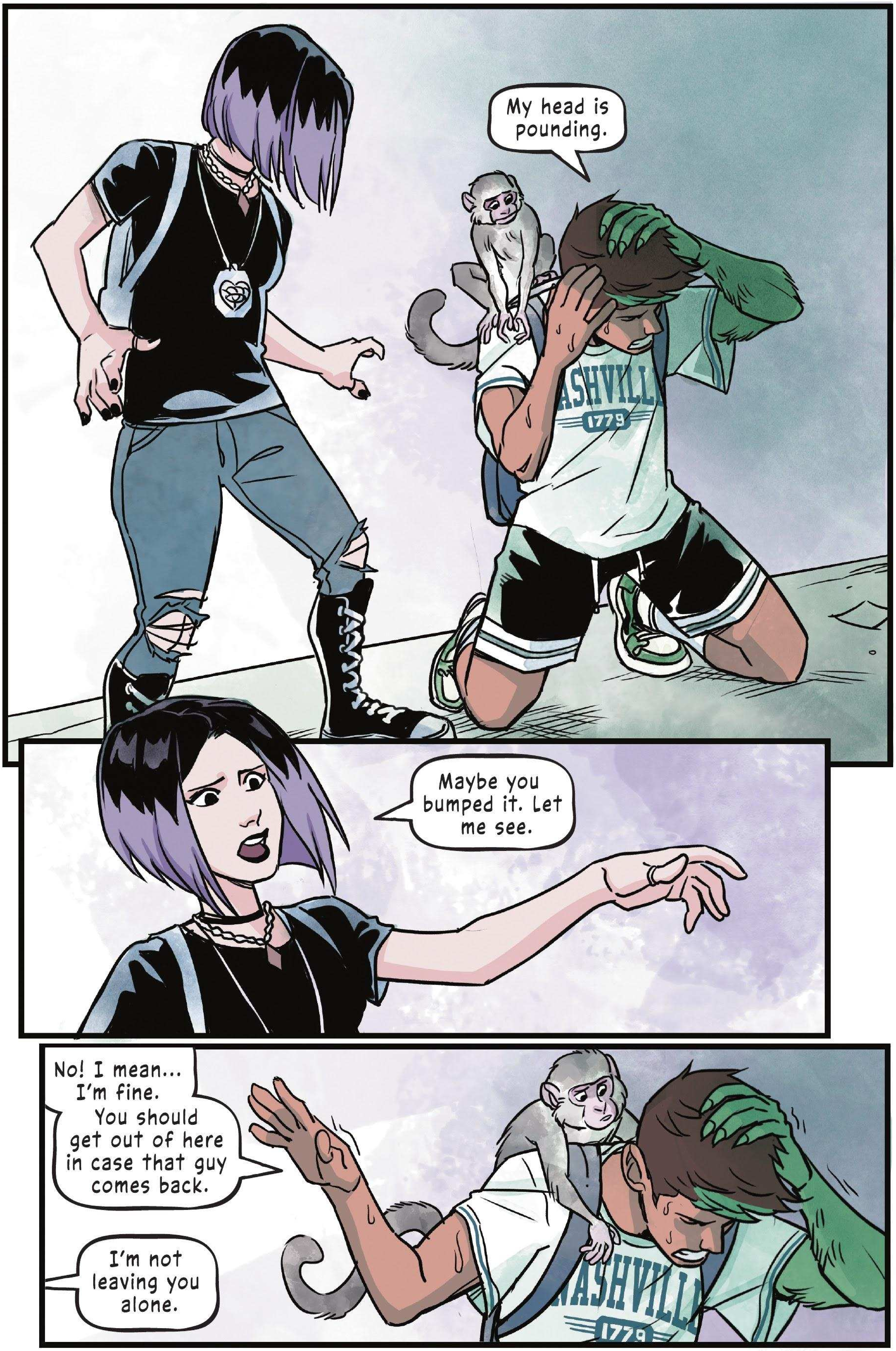
CHAPTER 6: FIGHT RISK

NASHVILL
1779



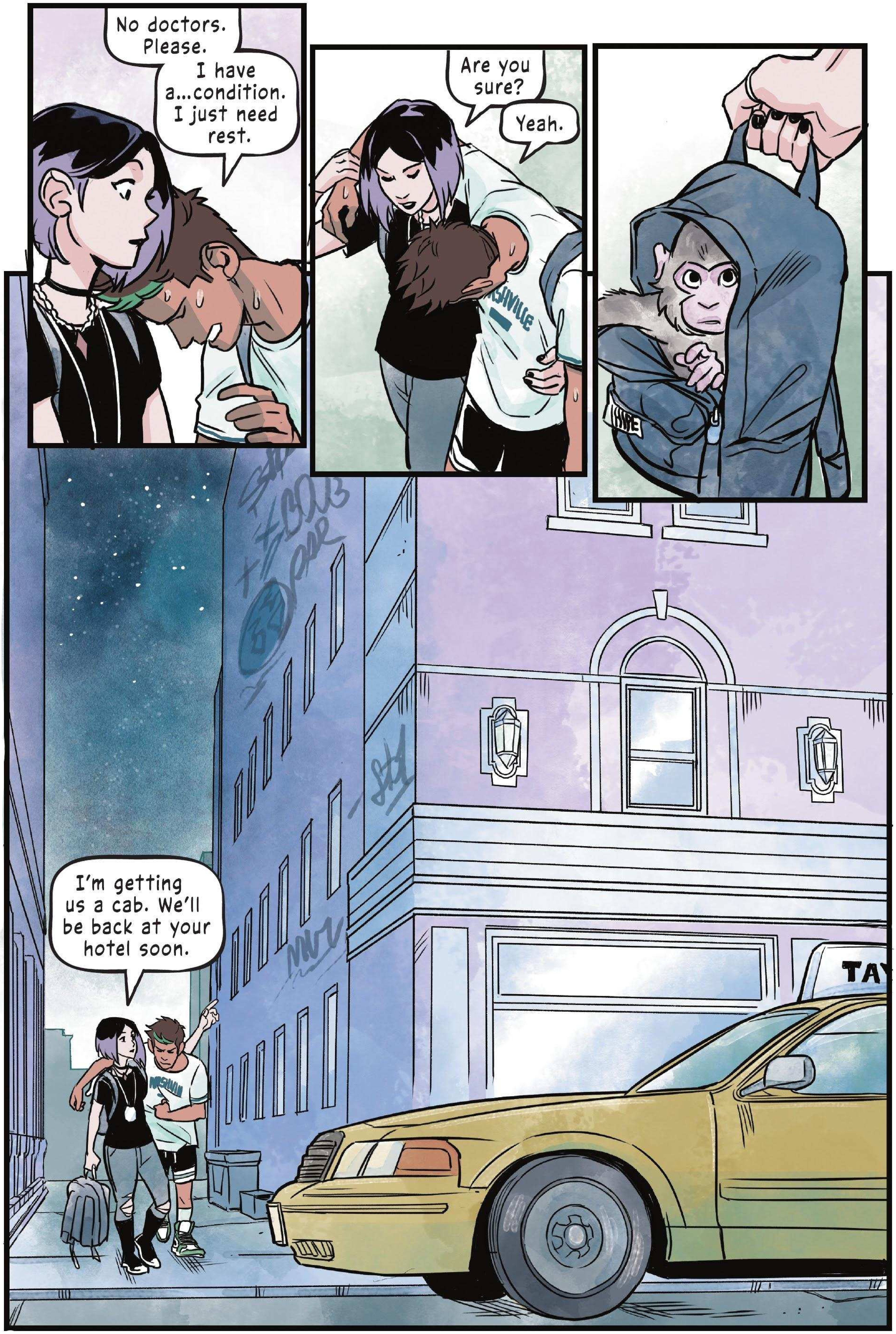

NASHVILLE 1779
No...not now. I can't change in front of her.
Gar? Are you okay?
I've gotta make it stop.

What's wrong?
I'm fine. I just need a minute.
ASHVIL
1779
Where did all this muscle come from?
His shoulder didn't feel like that when we danced together.

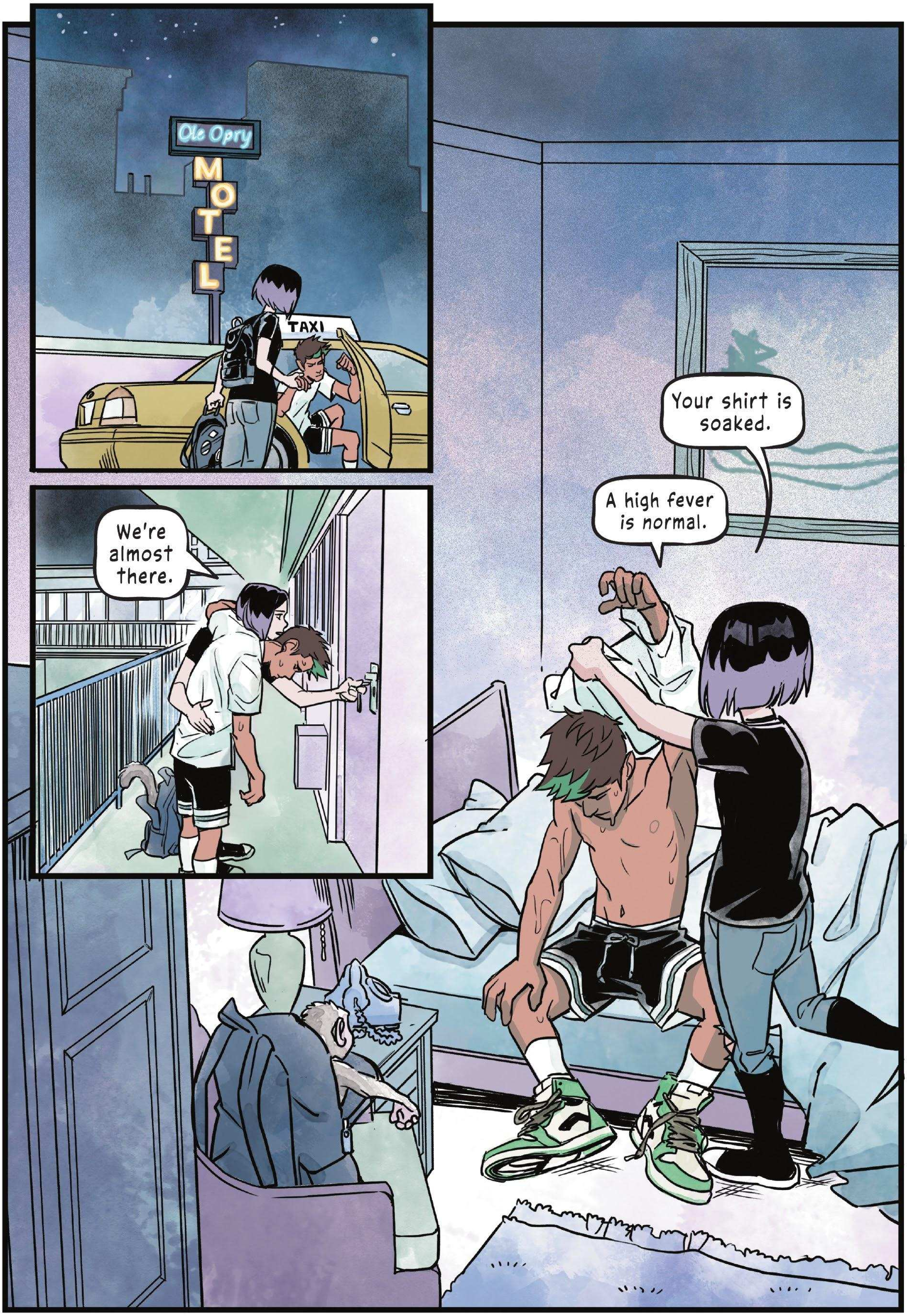

My head is pounding.
NASHVILLE 1779
Maybe you bumped it. Let me see.
No! I mean... I'm fine. You should get out of here in case that guy comes back.
I'm not leaving you alone.
NASHVILLE 1779

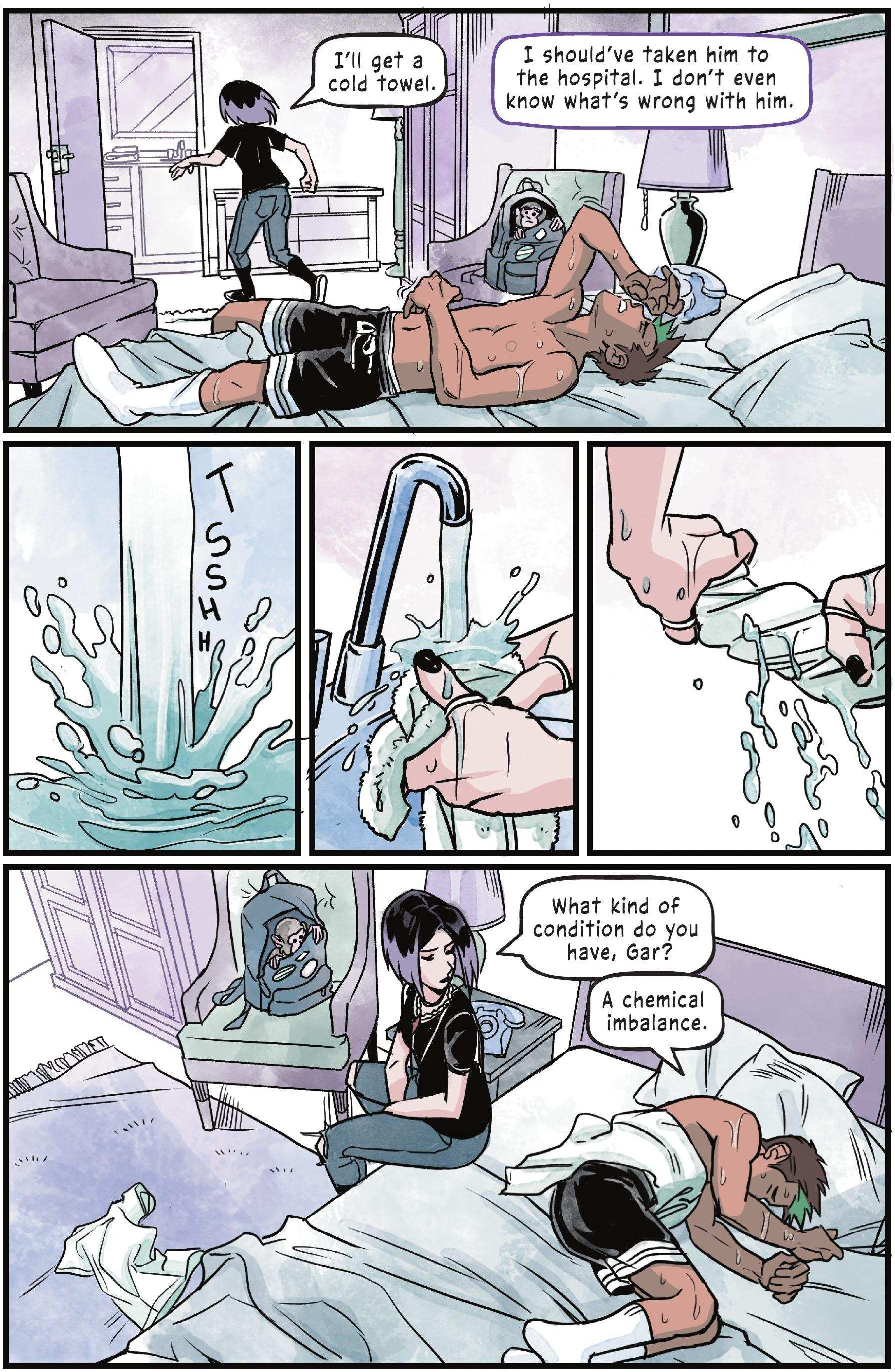
He's hiding something.
What are you thinking, Gar?
I can't hear your thoughts, but your emotions are coming in loud and clear. You're scared.
What are you so afraid of?

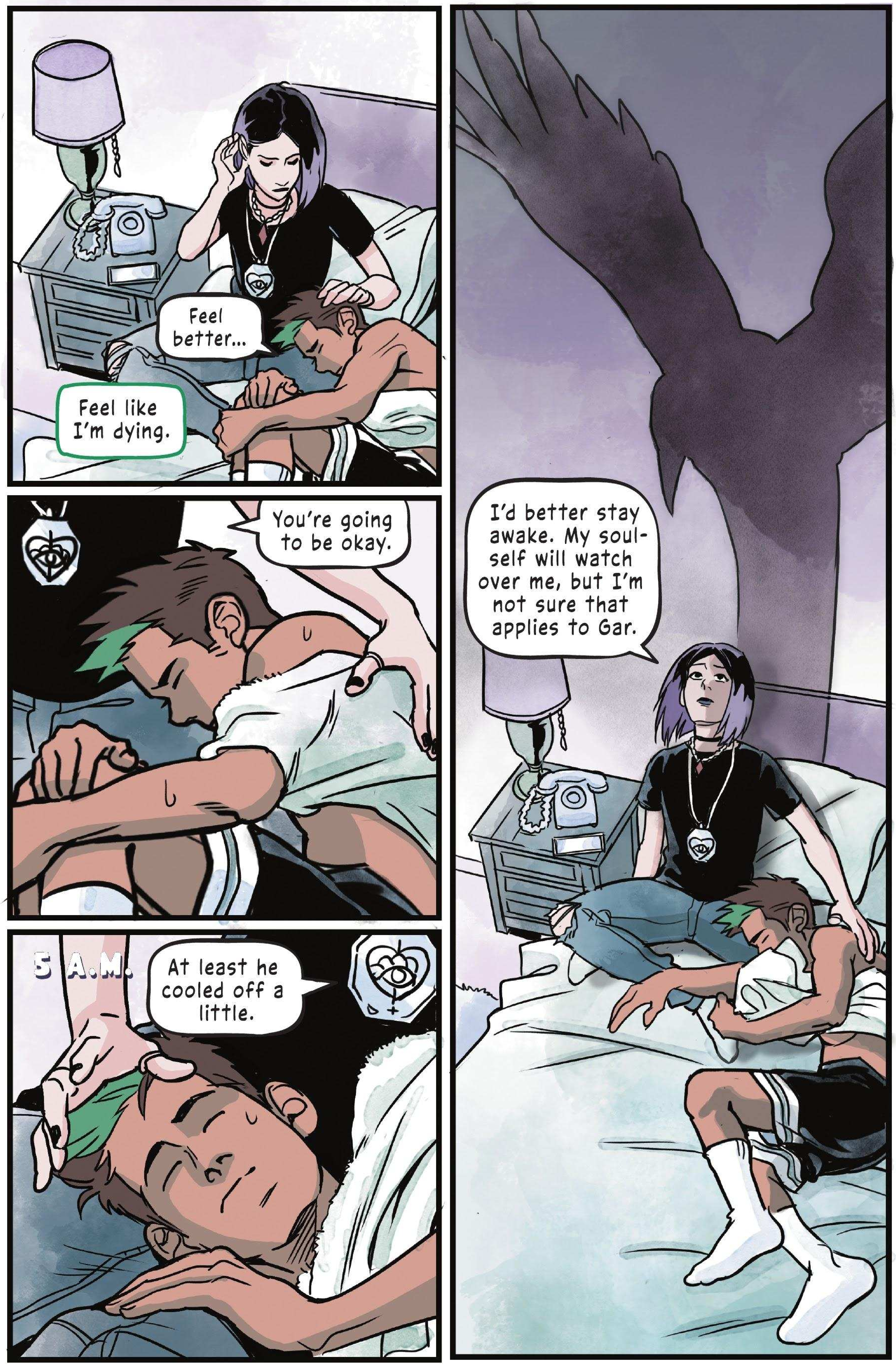
Finally.
Gar, you're burning up. We need to get you to a doctor.

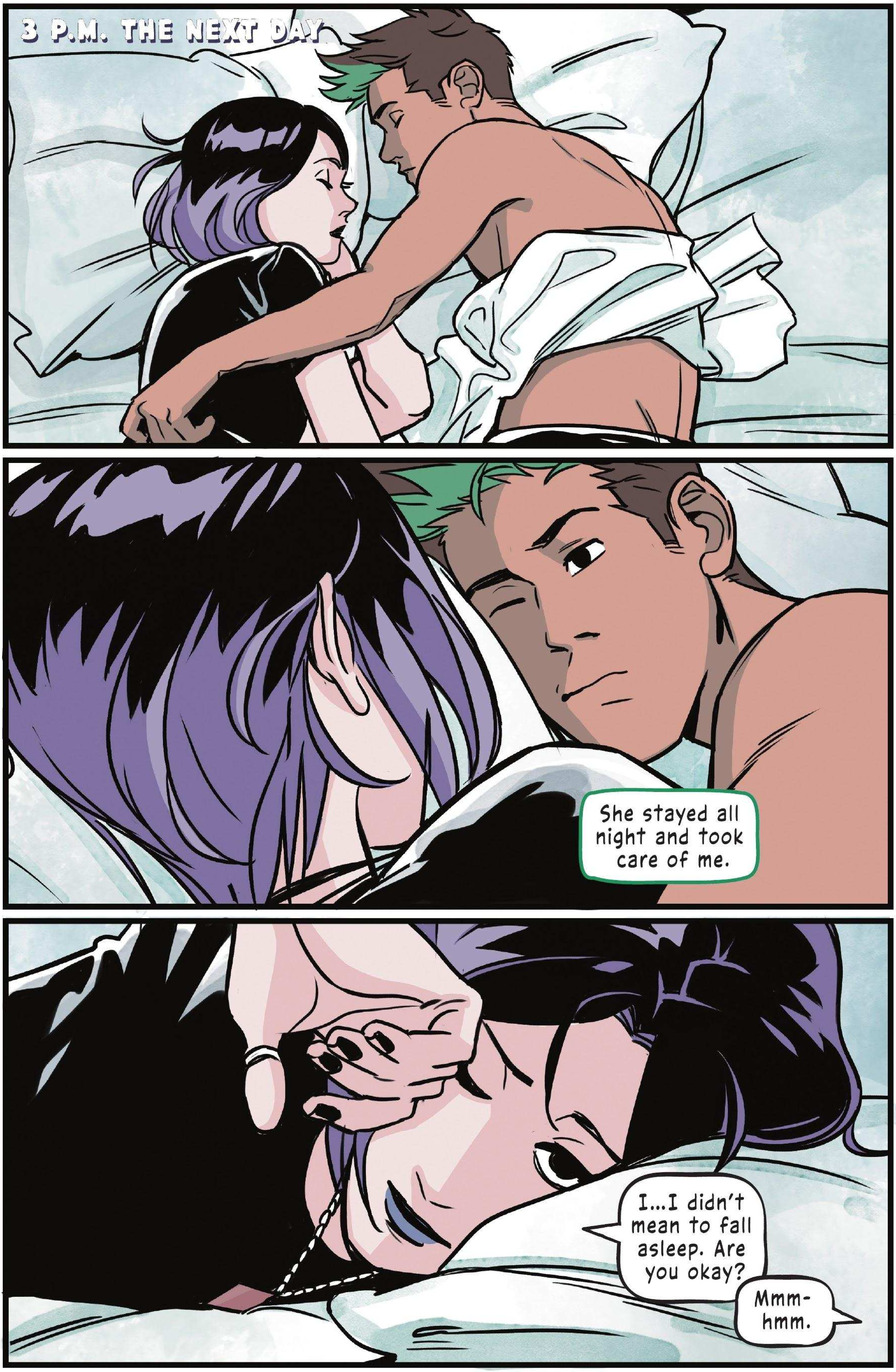

No doctors. Please.
I have a...condition. I just need rest.
Are you sure?
Yeah.
I'm getting us a cab. We'll be back at your hotel soon.

TAXI
Your friend better not throw up in my cab.
He's not drunk.
Whatever you say.
NASHVILLE
You're going to be okay.
NASHVILLE

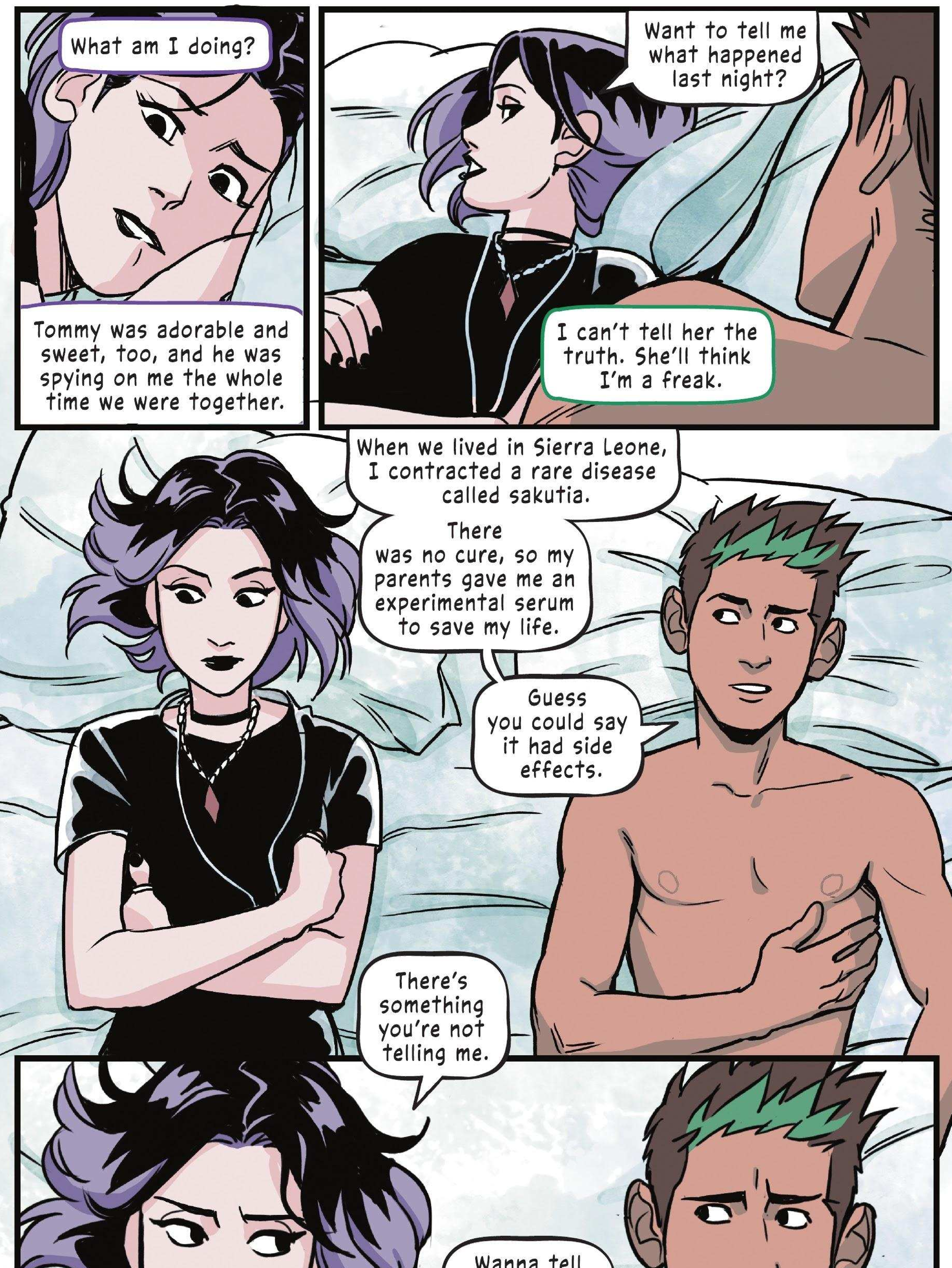

Ole Opry
MOTEL
TAXI
We're almost there.
Your shirt is soaked.
A high fever is normal.

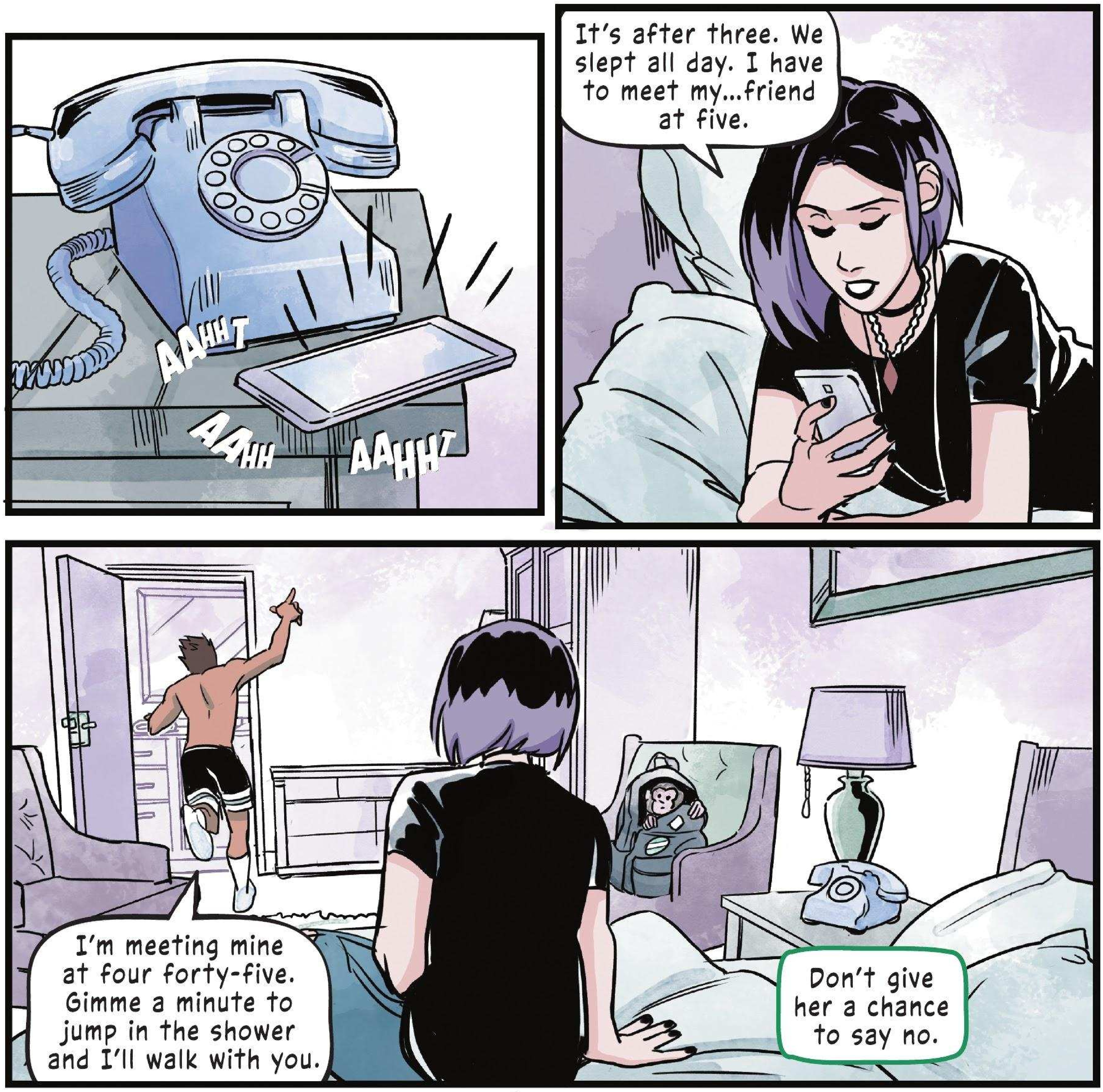

I'll get a cold towel.
I should've taken him to the hospital. I don't even know what's wrong with him.
TSSHH
What kind of condition do you have, Gar?
A chemical imbalance.

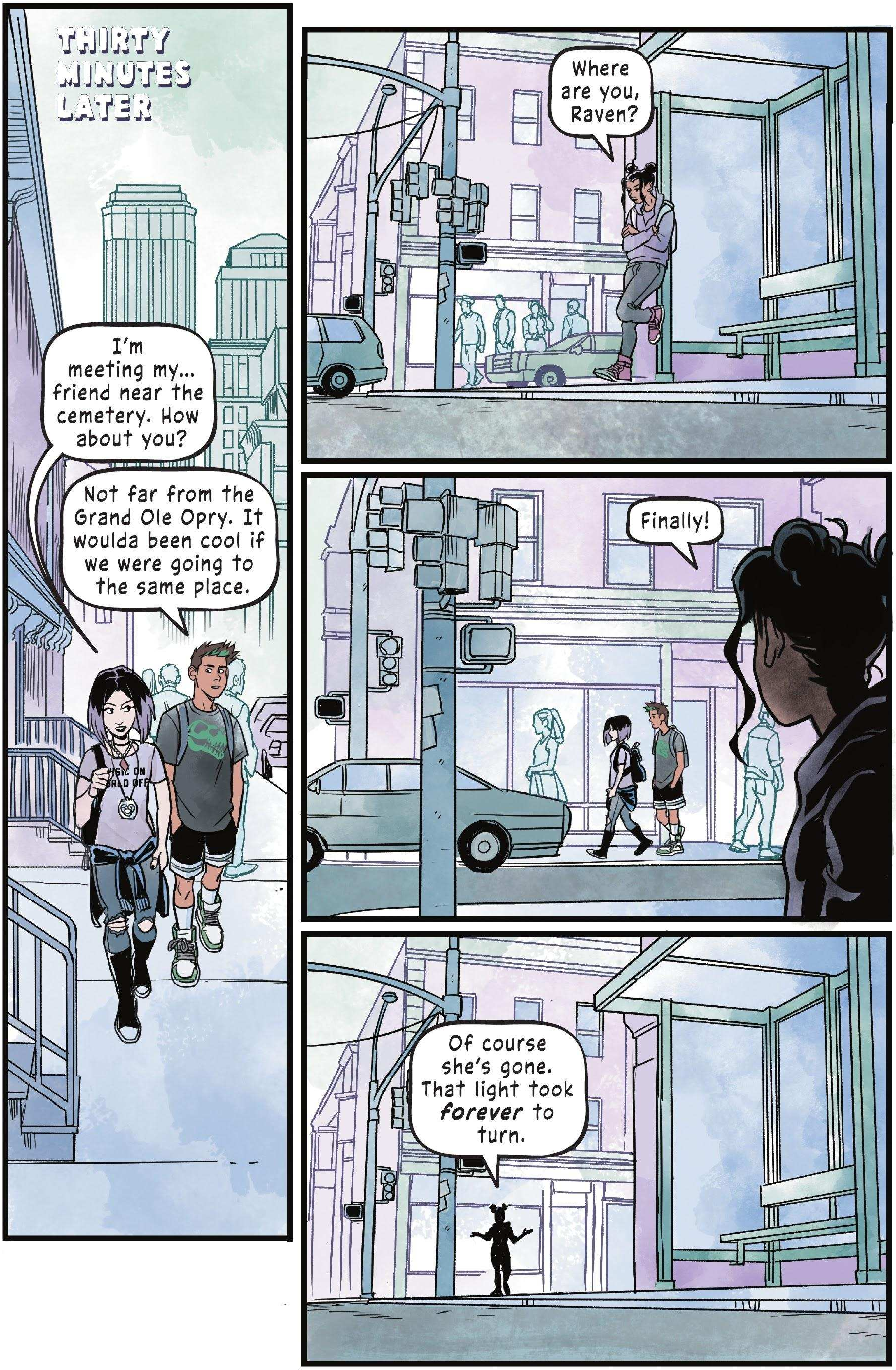

Feel better...
Feel like I'm dying.
You're going to be okay.
5 A.M.
At least he cooled off a little.
I'd better stay awake. My soul-self will watch over me, but I'm not sure that applies to Gar.


3 P.M. THE NEXT DAY
She stayed all night and took care of me.
I...I didn't mean to fall asleep. Are you okay?
Mmm-hmm.

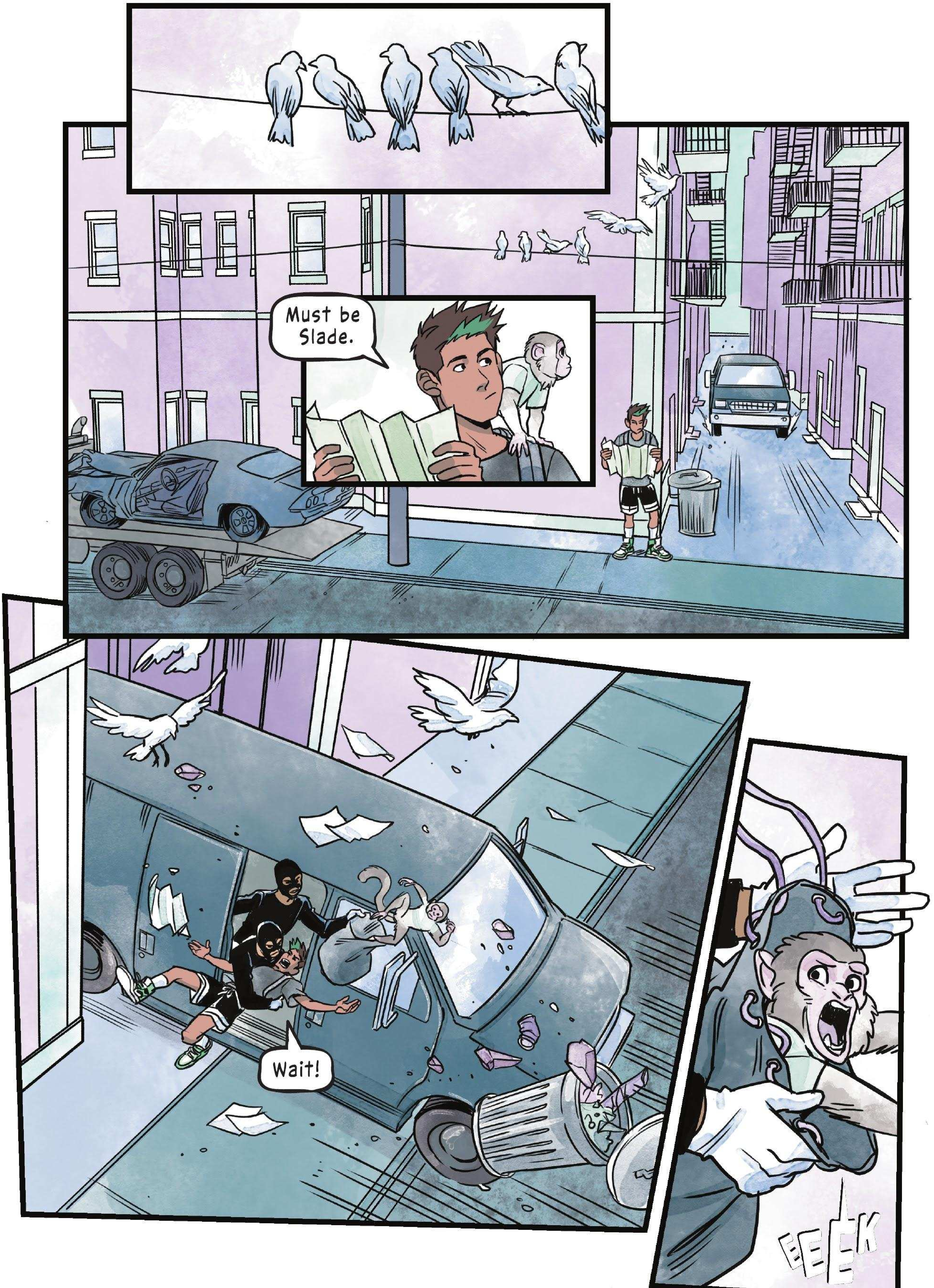
What are you waiting for? You probably won't get another chance...

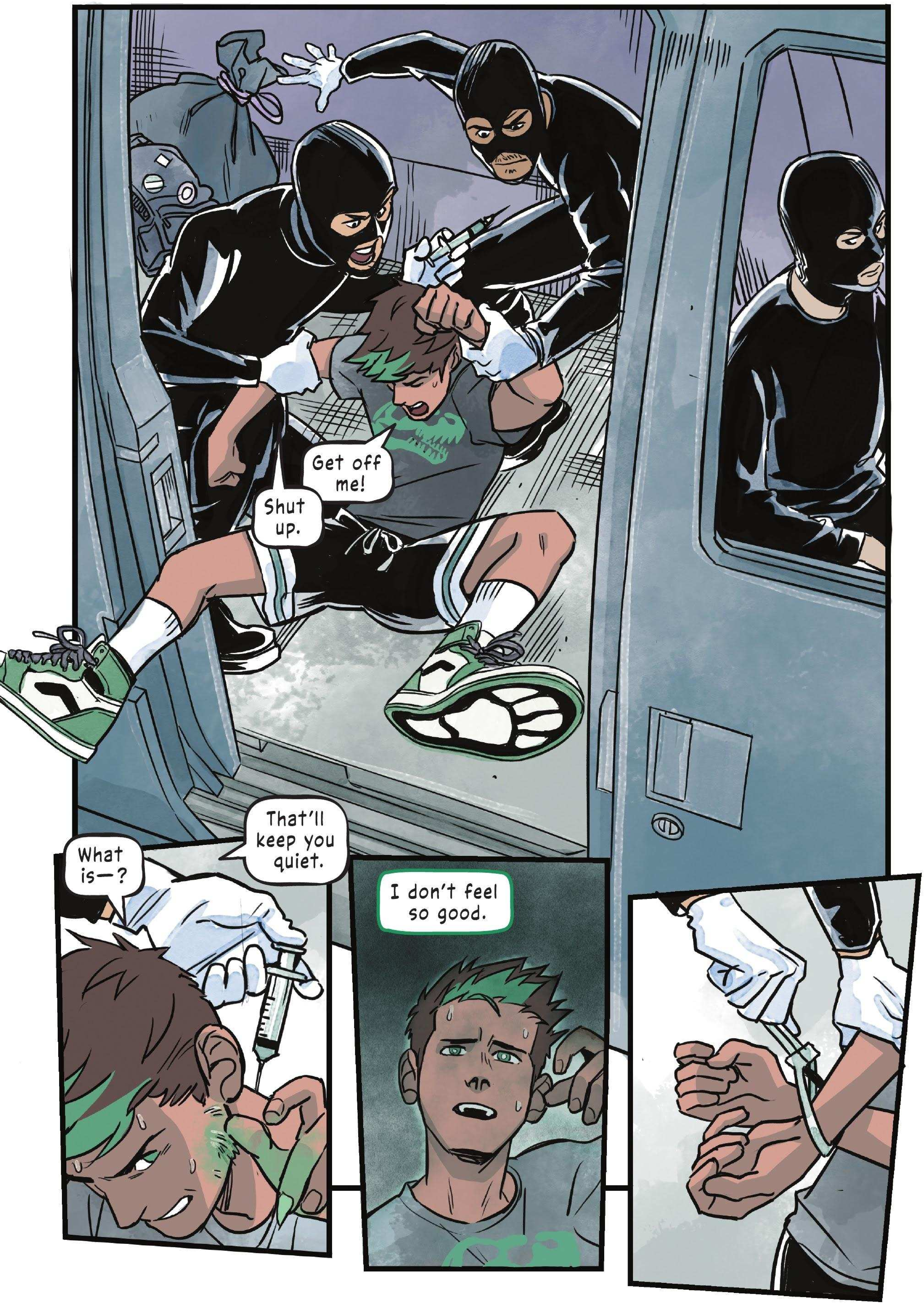

What am I doing?
Tommy was adorable and sweet, too, and he was spying on me the whole time we were together.
Want to tell me what happened last night?
I can't tell her the truth. She'll think I'm a freak.
When we lived in Sierra Leone, I contracted a rare disease called sakutia.
There was no cure, so my parents gave me an experimental serum to save my life.
Guess you could say it had side effects.
There's something you're not telling me.
Wanna tell me about the nightmare you had?
Keep your secret.


AAHHT
AAHH
AAHHT
It's after three. We slept all day. I have to meet my...friend at five.
I'm meeting mine at four forty-five. Gimme a minute to jump in the shower and I'll walk with you.
Don't give her a chance to say no.
What am I doing, Kong?

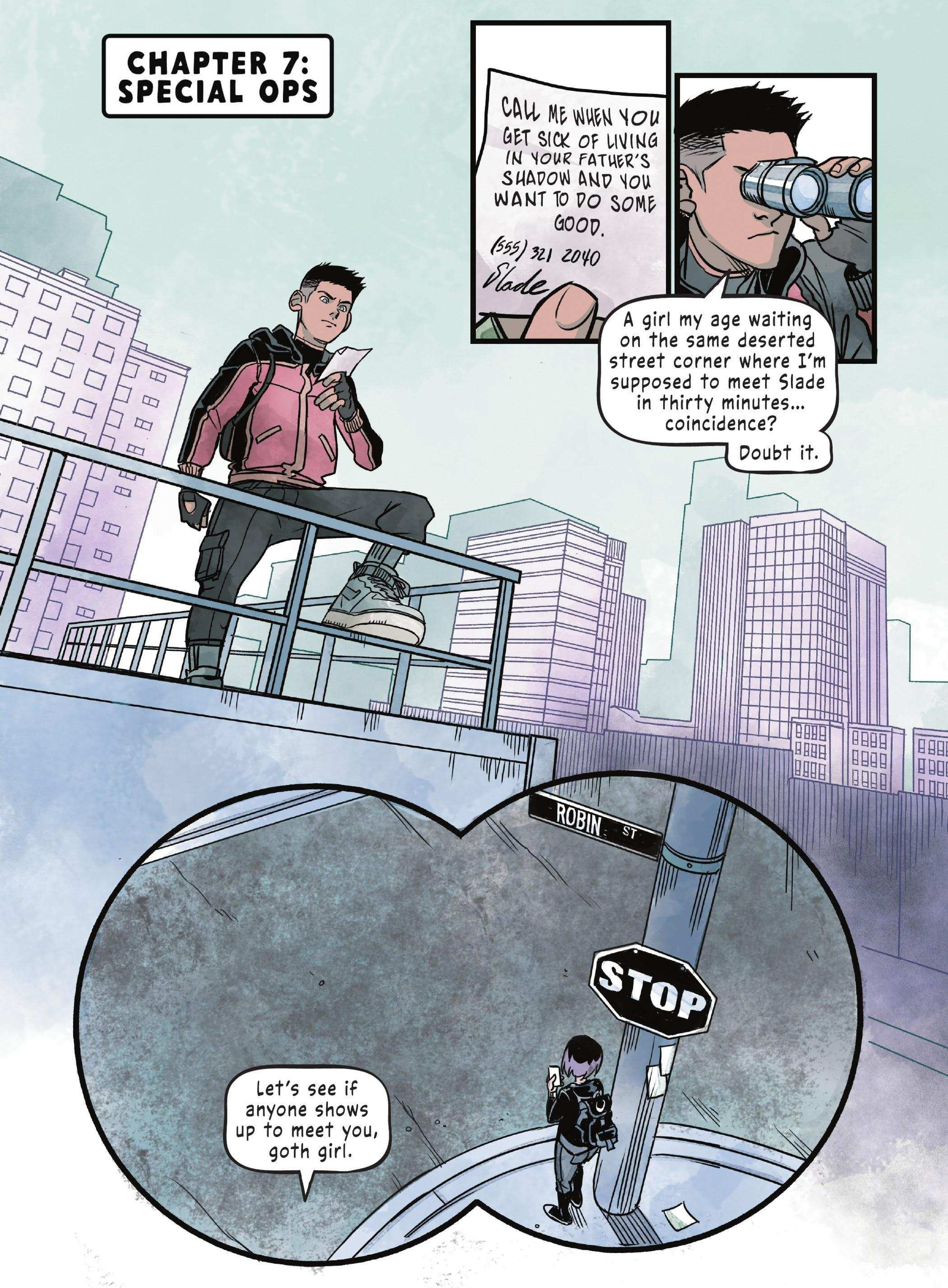

THIRTY MINUTES LATER
I'm meeting my... friend near the cemetery. How about you?
Not far from the Grand Ole Opry. It woulda been cool if we were going to the same place.
Where are you, Raven?
Finally!
Of course she's gone. That light took *forever* to turn.

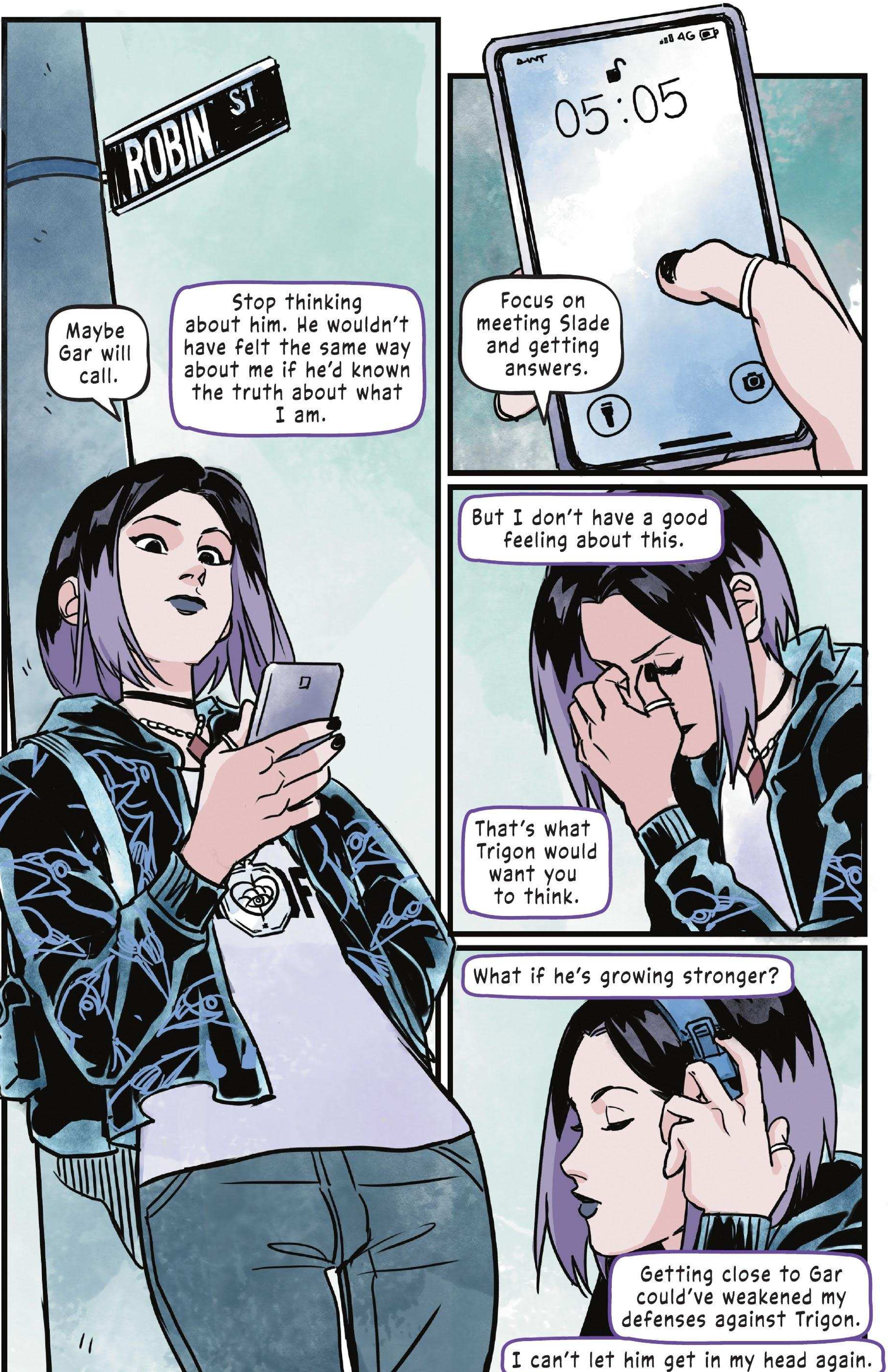
Will you give me your number? We can text or something.
Sure.
I'm really glad we met.
ROBIN ST
STOP
Me too.


Must be Slade.
Wait!
EEEK


Get off me!
Shut up.
What is—?
That'll keep you quiet.
I don't feel so good.

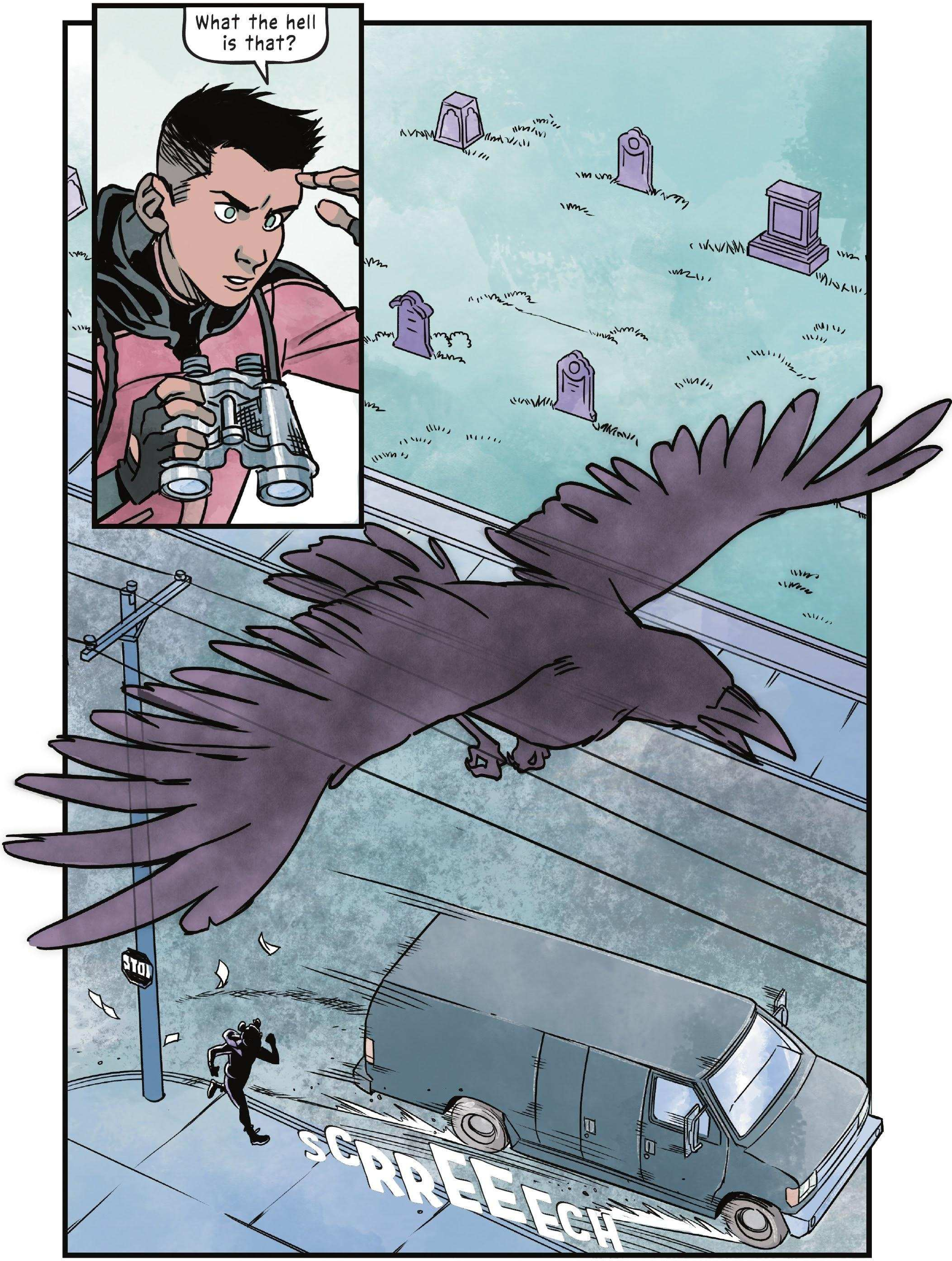
CHAPTER 7: SPECIAL OPS


CALL ME WHEN YOU GET SICK OF LIVING IN YOUR FATHER'S SHADOW AND YOU WANT TO DO SOME GOOD.
(555) 321 2040
Slade
A girl my age waiting on the same deserted street corner where I'm supposed to meet Slade in thirty minutes... coincidence?
Doubt it.
ROBIN ST
STOP
Let's see if anyone shows up to meet you, goth girl.

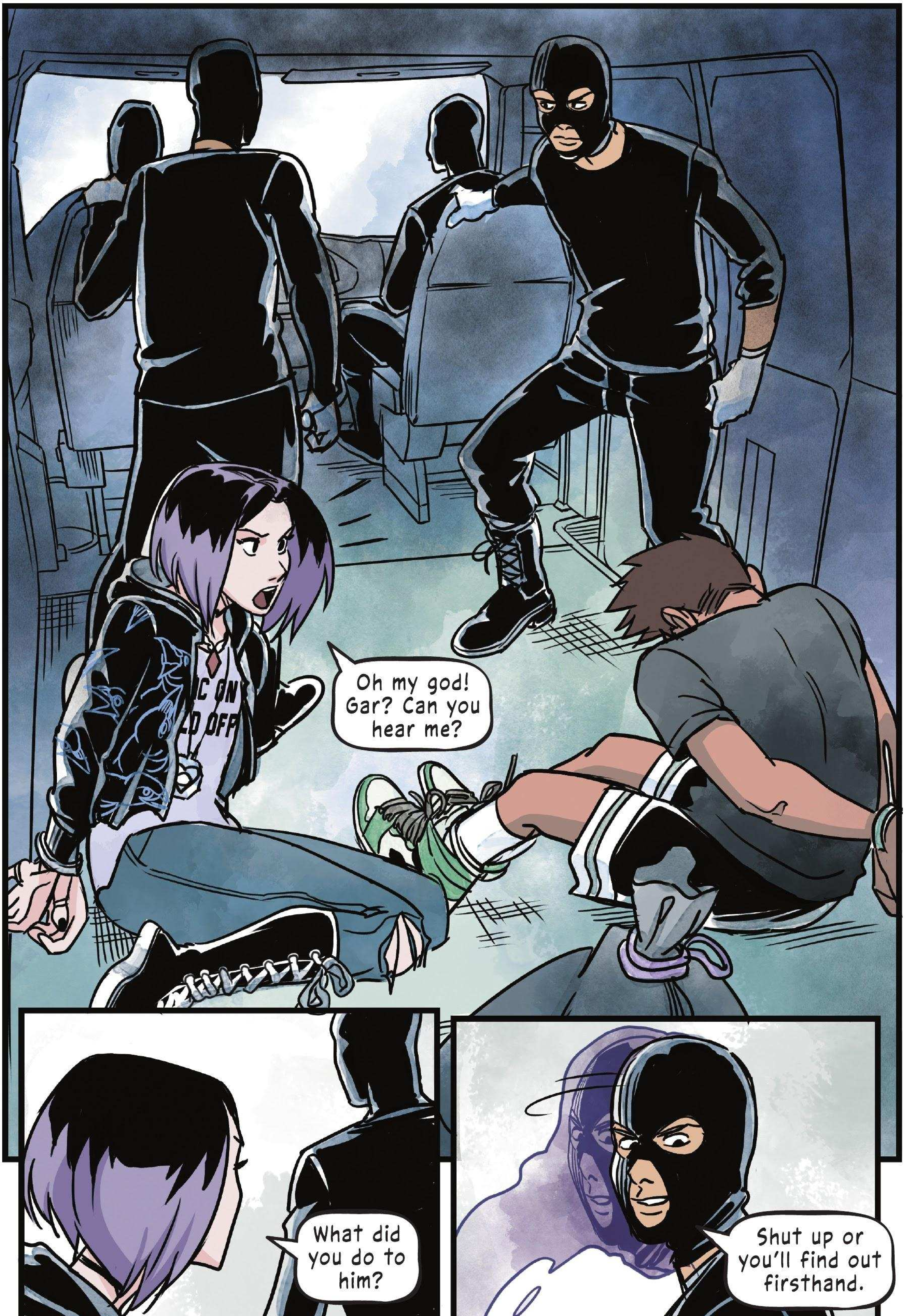

ROBIN ST
Maybe Gar will call.
Stop thinking about him. He wouldn't have felt the same way about me if he'd known the truth about what I am.
4G
05:05
Focus on meeting Slade and getting answers.
But I don't have a good feeling about this.
That's what Trigon would want you to think.
What if he's growing stronger?
Getting close to Gar could've weakened my defenses against Trigon.
I can't let him get in my head again.

PARKING
Maybe they went this way.
Raven!

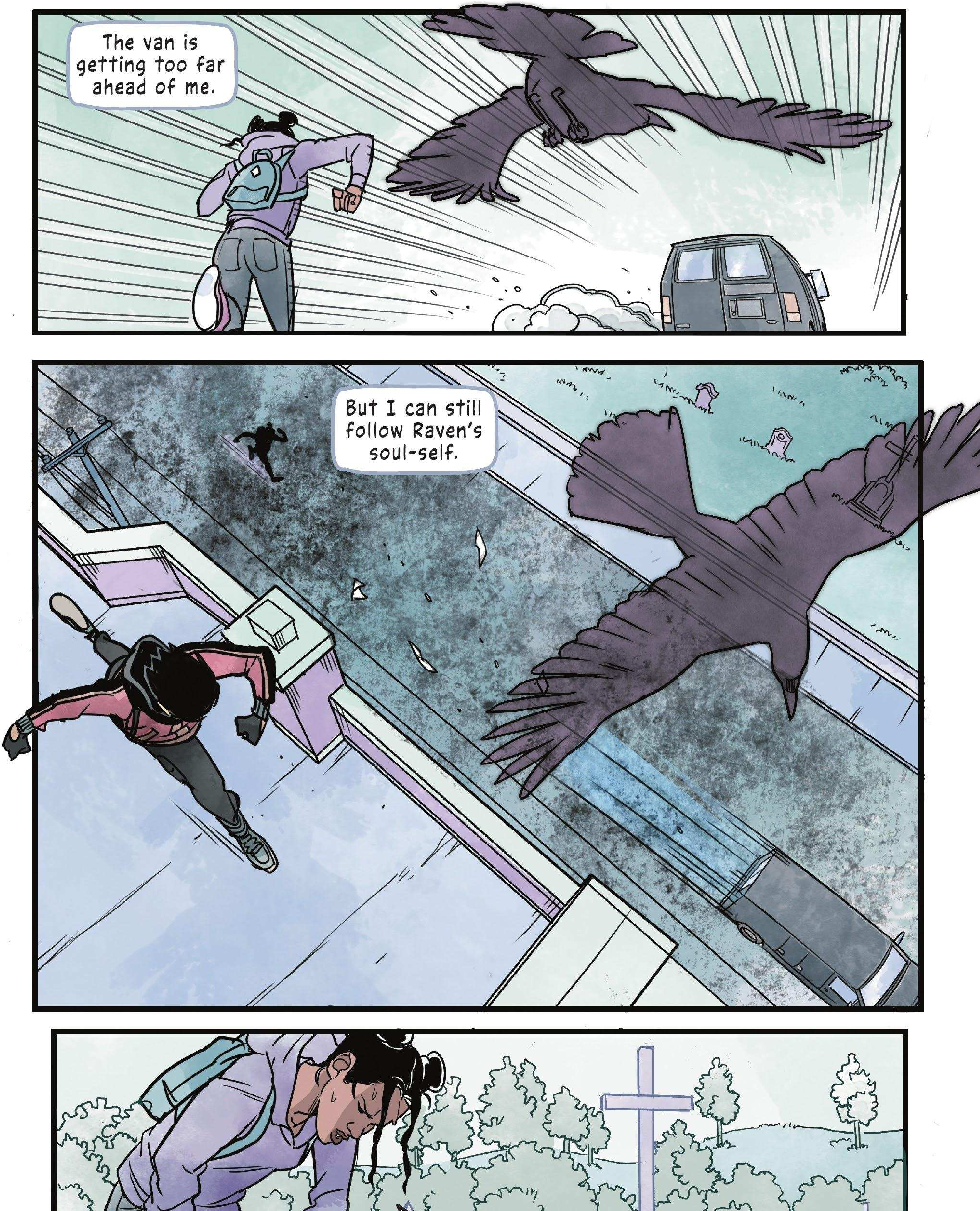
ROBIN ST
STOP
Who's in the van?
Don't touch me!
Stop!


What the hell is that?
STOP
SCRREEEECH

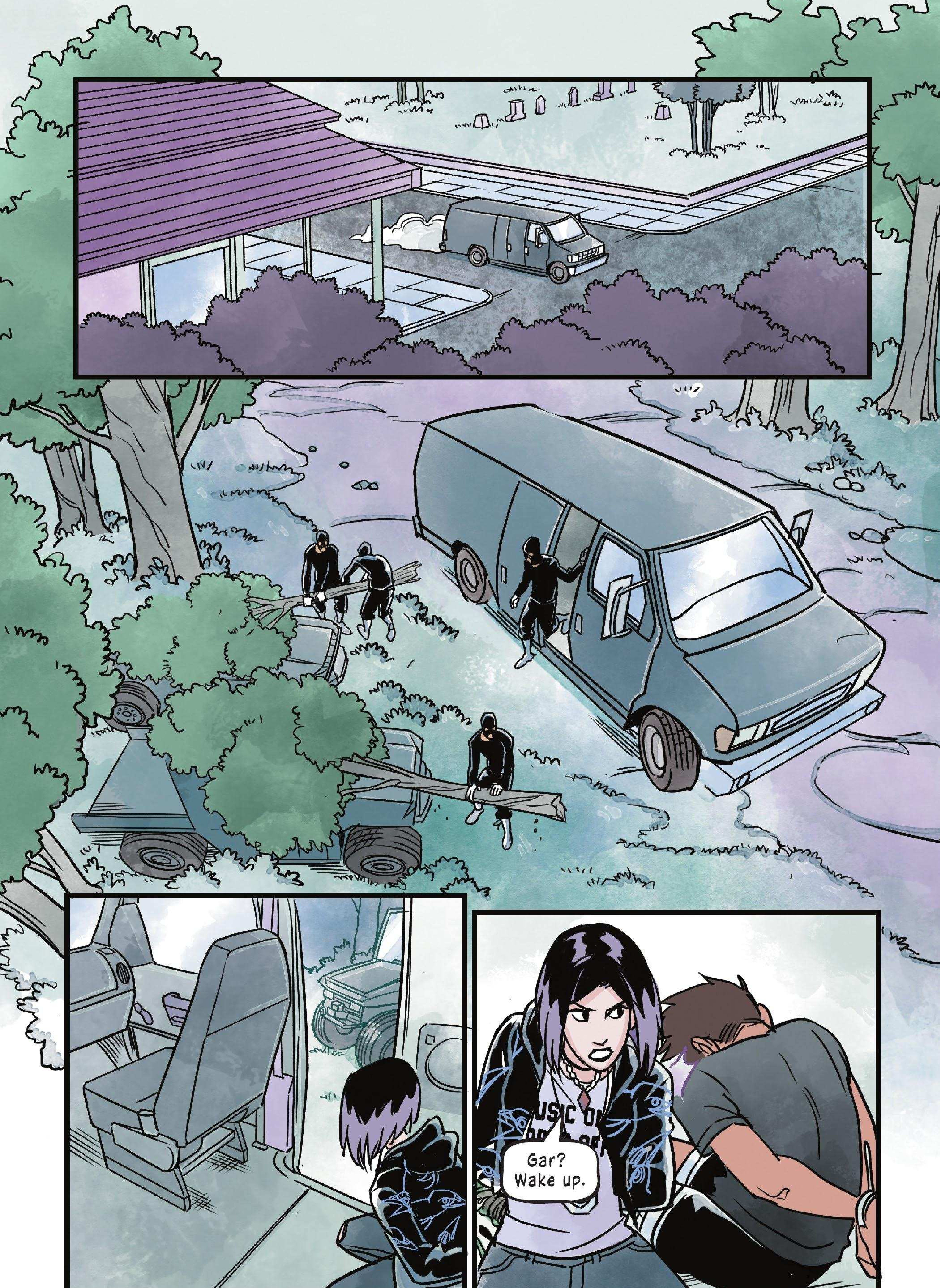
Only one way to find out.


Oh my god! Gar? Can you hear me?
What did you do to him?
Shut up or you'll find out firsthand.
It'd be my pleasure.

I have to concentrate and pay attention to what my soul-self sees.
Maybe I can figure out where they're taking us.


The van is getting too far ahead of me.
But I can still follow Raven's soul-self.
She's gone.

I can hear Mom now..."Nylon rope weighs less than a pound and it has saved my life more times than I can count."
It's annoying to have a black-ops-trained, hyper-vigilant mom who's always right.
Time to do some recon and figure out who Mystery Girl is and what she knows.


Gar? Wake up.